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## Reagan, Thatcher resume meetings

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AFP) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher held a meeting with President Ronald Reagan Saturday, after describing his reception Friday night as "the free of a leading statesman."

Thatcher, who also met him Friday, as going on to New York later in the day, to end up a four-day U.S. visit by meeting United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim and leading American banker David Rockefeller.

At Friday night's reception, given by Mrs. Thatcher, President Reagan said the belief in a era of totalitarian regimes would go down in history as merely a "sad and rather bizarre chapter in human history."

"We've heard all the slogans...the end of the class struggle...the inevitable triumph of socialism," he commented. "Indeed if there anything like Marxist-Leninism might not be forgiven for, it is their willingness to bog the world down in tiresome clichés...a gaggle of bogus prophecies and petty superstitions."

Mrs. Thatcher appeared to take a somewhat harder line than Reagan, suggesting osow should withdraw its forces from Afghanistan in advance of any U.S.-Soviet summit. She endorsed U.S. calls for an embargo on what she says are outside Communist arms supplies to leftist guerrillas in El Salvador, but officials said some differences remained over how much support to give the leftist-civilian government there.

The U.S. administration was preparing a new military and effort in El Salvador, Secretary of State Alexander Haig said it expected the government to improve rights record.

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger told Thatcher in a Pentagon meeting that the administration had decided to buy new Harrier take-off jump jets, now produced jointly by U.S. and British firms, and to look closely at other arms purchases from West European allies. He also said no immediate escalation was being given to deploying nuclear warheads in western Europe and the allies would be fully consulted before any such decision was made.

The Pentagon announced that the British prime minister had confirmed Britain's commitment to increase its military budget for the current year by three per cent in real terms (after inflation), a commitment all alliance members made, but some have since complained about as unrealistic in today's money.

Mrs. Thatcher and Weinberger also discussed security in the Gulf region, and the prime minister suggested that Britain and the United States join with France to form a "magical navy" force in the area. All three already have ships in the region.

The British and American officials also agreed to coordinate their armament programs to avoid unneeded duplication. Earlier this week, Mrs. Thatcher celebrated the conclusion of British economic policies with new conservative economic directions taken by the Reagan administration. Georgetown University, where she

## PLO plans to examine unity draft

JEDDAH, Feb. 28 (AFP) — The Palestine Liberation Organization will examine a plan to unify all Palestinian movements on the strategic military level, PLO Head Yasser Arafat told *Agence France-Presse* here Saturday.

The Organization's National Palestinian Council during its April 11 session in Damascus will go over a project for "total union, on the strategic military level, of all Palestinian movements," Arafat said. The proposal "stipulates setting up a unified military plan, with participation by all Palestinian forces," he added. Arafat also announced that various other Palestinian groups, such as George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, were about to join his organization.

Asked about prospects for a European initiative in the Mideast, Arafat commented that there were "currently various European ideas in this area, but no well-defined initiative. We are due to meet Dutch Foreign Minister (Christoph) Van Der Klauw next April to present the PLO point of view," he added.



Yasser Arafat

Arafat said he "had no positive hopes for a just and equitable resolution of the Mideast conflict on the part of President Ronald Reagan, and the new United States administration." Speaking before his departure for Tehran as a member of the Islamic Conference Organization goodwill mission on the Gulf war, Arafat said of the coming Israeli elections: "We do not differentiate between the Labor Party and the Likud. Both parties' main objective is to liquidate the PLO and the Palestinian people."

## Peace mission given elaborate welcome by Iran

TEHRAN, Feb. 28 (R) — A goodwill mission from eight Islamic countries including the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), arrived in Tehran Saturday to the most elaborate welcome in the two-year history of the Iranian Islamic Republic.

The latest mission to seek an end to the Gulf war was set up at last month's Islamic summit conference in Saudi Arabia.

It includes the presidents of Bangladesh, Pakistan and Guinea, PLO chief Yasser Arafat, prime minister of Turkey, the foreign ministers of Senegal, Gambia and Malaysia, and the secretary-general of the OIC.

They were met at the airport by Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai, Defense Minister Javad Fakouri and the commanders of the air force, army and gendarmes.

Strict security precautions were in force. Troops armed with assault rifles lined the road from the airport to Tehran's vast Azadi Square.

The mission inspected a guard of honor before entering the flag-decked airport VIP lounge. Iranian reporters said the formality of the protocol and the extent of security were unprecedented in the two years since the Islamic revolution which swept the Shah from power.

Despite the pomp and ceremony, there were doubts whether the mission would have more chances of success than previous attempts to end the five-month-old war between Iran and Iraq.

Only hours before the mission arrived from Saudi Arabia, where its members had gathered, state radio reiterated that Iran had not changed its position on the conflict — no peace talks before Iraqi forces withdraw from Iranian territory.

The radio said the visit of the peace mission had been discussed at a meeting of Iran's Defense Council which ended early Saturday.

"The delegation is coming here to hear the opinion of Iran about the war imposed on us by Iraq," a council spokesman was quoted as saying. "It is obvious that the opinion of the authorities is the same which has been stated in the past. We have no new positions..."

The latest peace effort followed Iranian reports of success against the Iraqi forces which stormed across the border last September 22.

The mission was expected to meet Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini Sunday, before leaving via Kuwait for the Iraqi capital, sources in Jeddah said before the mission left there earlier Saturday.

The "committee of nine" would return to Riyadh late Monday, after meeting Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, and meet King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd Tuesday.

## 59 Libyan aides dismissed

PARIS, Feb. 28 (AFP) — The Libyan government has dismissed 59 civilian and military officials for corruption and barred them from the public service, the Libyan News Agency reported Saturday in a dispatch received here. The punishments were handed down Friday by a special revolutionary tribunal sitting in Tripoli, the agency said.

The tribunal also decided to "transfer several other accused to production sites to be re-educated in view of their reintegration into the new socialist society," the agency said.

It said other businessmen and entrepreneurs would be "stripped of their economic arms" and brought before a people's tribunal.

The revolutionary tribunal gave its judgments after examining cases put before it by revolutionary committees against "Fascist elements, both civilian and military, exploiters, bureaucrats, bourgeois... who hinder revolutionary transformation," the agency said.



LOW ALTITUDE: A single-engine plane makes an emergency landing on Interstate 385 in Greenville recently. Flight instructor Paul McOlivra, who was in the plane with student pilot David Nestberg, said the plane's engine lost power immediately after take-off from Greenville Downtown airport. No one was hurt.

## Basque separatists release consul hostages

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, Feb. 28 (AP) — The honorary consuls of Austria, Uruguay and El Salvador kidnapped one week ago in northern Spain by Basque separatist guerrillas were freed unharmed Saturday in San Sebastian, police said.

The consuls were freed on a San Sebastian street five days after an abortive attempt to overthrow the government in Madrid. It was not immediately clear if the separatists released the hostages because of the attempted coup, or if they felt their ransom demand for news media to disseminate reports of police torture had been satisfied.

An anonymous telephone caller told the Travelers Aid Association here at midmorning that the consuls had been freed in San Sebastian and then hung up. Police said the three consuls were taken to the civil governor's office.

A 21-member kidnap team took Austrian Consul Hermann Diez de la Sol Korsatko and El Salvador Consul Antonio Alfaro Fernandez from their homes in Bilbao, and took Uruguayan Consul Gabriel Biurrun from his home in Pamplona almost at the same time.

The kidnapers, from the more moderate political wing of the Basque Separatist organization ETA, blamed for killing 95 persons last year, demanded that government and private news media release an Amnesty International report on police torture in Spain, a report by the Human Rights Commission of the home rule Basque parliament of mistreatment of police prisoners and 18 photos of a separatist guerrilla allegedly tortured to death in Madrid by police.

All newspapers in the Basque region but two published the reports and photos. Two Madrid newspapers published the Amnesty International report and one of the photos before the ransom demand was made.

## Libyan actions denounced Sudan seeks closer Egyptian ties

KHARTOUM, Feb. 28 (R) — Sudan, concerned about what it considers to be the danger of Libyan-inspired subversion, said Saturday it wanted to establish closer ties with Egypt, a military ally and neighbor. A statement issued by the central committee of the Sudanese Socialist Union (SSU), the country's only legal political organization, called for "consolidating the integration process between our two sister countries."

The statement, endorsed by President Jaafar Numeiri, denounced Libya's military role during the civil war in the Central African state of Chad on Sudan's western borders.

Libyan troops helped government forces in Chad drive out rebel units led by former Defense Minister Hissane Habre. Travellers returning from the Chad border reported that Sudanese forces had been strengthened to scrutinize Chadian refugees in search of possible Libyan infiltrators.

In Khartoum, the capital, anti-aircraft batteries have recently been placed near factories and military bases.

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, an outspoken critic of Qaddafi, has pledged to go to Sudan's aid against any Libyan intervention. Cairo and Khartoum are bound by a military pact.

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## Sabah to form new government

KUWAIT, Feb. 28 (R) — The ruler of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al-Sabah, Saturday reappointed Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah as prime minister and asked him to form a new government, an official statement said. Sheikh Saad, who is also heir apparent of the Gulf state, had resigned with his cabinet Tuesday following the election Monday of a new 50-member National Assembly.

The assembly replaced one dissolved in 1976 because of political discord with the government. It contains none of the radicals who led opposition to the government in previous assemblies. Sheikh Saad is expected to announce his cabinet before the assembly meets March 9.

## Bakery held gold

ST. TROPEZ, Southern France, Feb. 28 (AFP) — Workmen have found a pot of gold in the foundations of a bread shop in this fashionable Mediterranean holiday resort.

The treasure comprised three kilos of gold pieces, dated 1830, in a saucepan, and silver coins in a bottle.

The workmen are carrying out excavations to enlarge the bakery's facilities. The hoard was apparently assembled and hidden during the last century.

## Japanese prince enroute to Riyadh

BANGKOK, Thailand, Feb. 28 (AP) — Japan's Crown Prince Akihito and his consort Princess Michiko left here Saturday for Saudi Arabia after a brief stopover at Donmuang Airport.

Thai Crown Prince Vajiralongkorn welcomed the Japanese royal couple at the airport. Crown Prince Akihito and his consort spent the night at Bhuping Palace outside the northern city of Chiang Mai, as private guests of King Bhumipol Adulyadej and Queen Sirikit, who hosted a dinner for the Japanese royal couple.

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## Riyadh to Gulf

# Contracts to be let for expressway link

JEDDAH, Feb. 28 — Contracts for the construction of the new 680-kilometer expressway linking Riyadh with Dammam will be awarded in the next few days, according to officials of the Ministry of Communications.

Officials said the expressway will be a dual carriage road with three lanes in each direction. It will have barriers to prevent stray animals from endangering traffic. The expressway linking Jeddah and Mecca has steel

mesh fences on it and effectively stops stray camels of the desert from crossing the road. The Riyadh-Dammam road will pass via Abu Hurayra on the Gulf coast and via the ring road of Riyadh which is under construction at present. It will reduce traveling time between the cities and stimulate trade between the Central and Eastern Regions.

At the same time bids have been invited for the construction of the railway linking the two regions. The cost has been estimated at SR1 billion and will take three years to complete. It will shave off nearly 100 kilometers or one hour traveling time. The President of the Saudi Government Railroad Organization, Sheikh Faisal Al Shuhail has said that the time between the capital and Dammam will be reduced to four hours and the distance reduced to 456 kilometers.

Studies also are under way to link the Western and Central Regions and Jubail with Dammam by rail. Jubail is the site of the petrochemical industries and a new city which eventually will accommodate 300,000 people.

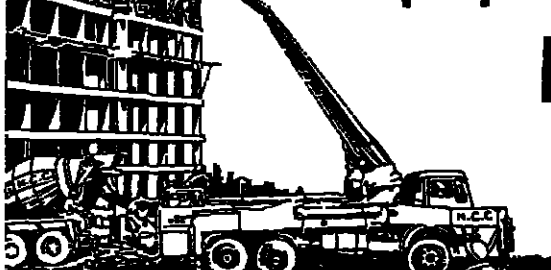
The organization has invited 33 consortium to bid for the Riyadh-Dammam project which is the largest in its current five-year development plan. It will be tendered in three sections with no single company allowed to win more than two contracts.

## Environment move made

AL-KHOBAR, Feb. 28 — Saudi Basic Technology of Al-Khobar has formed an environmental division to supply technical goods and services related to environmental problems, according to a company press statement.

Richard Baxer of Babax Industrial Services, United Kingdom, has been seconded as the general manager, the report added. An agreement was signed this week between Saleh Shata, president of Saudi Basic Technologies and Van Es, technical director of a Dutch consortium, Holland Engineering and contractors consortium for the supply of goods and services relating to oily water separation, desalination, maintenance and other facilities, it said.

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**PEACE STRATEGY:** Members of the Islamic goodwill committee, which was formed to bring about a ceasefire between Iran and Iraq, charted out a peace strategy at Al Hamra guest palace in Jeddah before their departure for Iran and Iraq Saturday. Picture shows from left to right: Turkish Premier Bulent Ecevit, Pakistani President Zia ul Haq, Senegal's Ambassador to the Kingdom Mustapha Sese, Secretary General of the OIC Habib Chatti, President Ahmad Sekou Touré of Guinea, President Zia ul Rahman of Bangladesh, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and President Dawoud Jawara of Gambia.

## BRIEFS

**Economy minister departs**  
RIYADH, Feb. 28 (SPA) — Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Abu Al-Khalil returned to Riyadh Saturday from Tunis. Abu Al-Khalil led the Kingdom's delegation to the 30th session of the Arab Economic and Social Council which ended Friday after two days of deliberations.

**Educators meet**  
JEDDAH, Feb. 28 (SPA) — Western Region Education Director General Dr. Abdullah Al-Zaid met the Iraqi education delegation visiting the Kingdom. The delegation, invited by the Ministry of Education, discussed educational and cultural relations between the two countries with Dr. Al-Zaid. The director general briefed the Iraqi delegation on the Kingdom's educational achievements.

**Oil ministers meet**  
RIYADH, Feb. 28 (SPA) — The Iraqi Oil Minister Tayeb Abdul Karim held talks with the Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani here Saturday. Tayeb who arrived earlier in the morning discussed mutual cooperation in oil matters.

**Officials promoted**  
JEDDAH, Feb. 28 — Six senior officials of Siraj-Zahran were promoted to deputy general managers, not vice presidents as reported previously. The promotion was made by the order of the company's president, Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al-Sulaiman. The promoted employees included Muhammad Hassan Abu Al-Anain, Issam Abdul Aziz Banajrah, Khalil Ahmad Al-Hibshi, Mahmood Hussain Balawi, Ahmad

Mahmood Taha and George William. Railroad committee meets

RIYADH, Feb. 28 (SPA) — The Hejaz Railroad Recommissioning Executive Committee met at the Communications Ministry headquarters here to discuss a report on the feasibility of re-opening the line that links Medina to Damascus. Saturday's meeting was attended by deputy communications and transport ministers of the Kingdom, Jordan and Syria.

**Blind sports festival begins**

JEDDAH, Feb. 28 (SPA) — Deputy Mecca Governor Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen will open Monday the first sports festival for blind people organized by the 'Light and Hope' institute for the blind. The festival, organized at the national level, will be held at the Sahat Islam stadium in Mecca. The ceremony will be attended by senior education officials in the Western Region.

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# Cooking oil hits market

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 28 — The Kingdom's cooks and housewives are being enticed away from their traditional cooking oil towards new home-refined brands.

A 600-ton test sample of Nabati palm oil is already appearing in shops and supermarkets as Jeddah's Saudi Vegetable Oil and Ghee factory prepares to go into production by summer. According to officials from the SR60 million publicly-owned joint stock company, an extension will be completed May doubling its capacity to about 90,000 tons of oil a year enough to supply the entire Saudi market.

The new SR120 million plant in Jeddah's industrial city will produce Palm and Soya oils under its own brands; less popular, Ghee and corn oils will be produced for other suppliers. In time, the company expects tariff

barriers against imports to protect and encourage the new public industry in what is at present a heavily subsidized product.

Despite the Ministry of Commerce subsidies, imported oils can cost the consumer from SR4 to SR19 per gallon, according to company official. The Saudi product's price is still to be determined but is expected to be competitive. The "Nabati" specials are now selling for SR6 per 3.5 liter bottle, marginally less than one gallon, they said.

Since April, the Jeddah factory's 200 largely-foreign workers have been under training. Some are in Sweden with the technical adviser's, Karishams, but most are being instructed on the Jeddah factory's equipment, supplied by Kerstfeld of West Germany. The factory imports crude oils for refining, processing, and canning or bottling in Jeddah. Plastic bottles are made on site.

# Important announcement

THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE & NATIONAL ECONOMY announces that due to architectural defects in its present building situated on Airport Road in Riyadh and due to technical recommendations the Ministry will temporarily vacate and they have rented the building of General Organization for Social Insurance which is located at Airport Road. South-west of the present building, for two years, the period needed for renovation of the old building.

All Ministry departments & equipments have been shifted to the new building except the Minister's office and general directorate for Budget which will move later.

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## Linking Bahrain, Kingdom

# Causeway contract to be awarded

JEDDAH, Feb. 28 — Officials will award the contract for the causeway linking Saudi Arabia and Bahrain next April, according to a report published Saturday. The bid will be awarded to the lowest bidder by the two countries since July of last year. The bid to build the Saudi-Bahrain causeway will be by millions against the officially estimated cost of \$800 million. However, Bahrain's minister for Industry and Development, H.E. Yusuf Shirawi said, "The bid will not necessarily win the contract, the most exciting in the Gulf for years." The 24-kilometer causeway will be built on a link between Bahrain Island and the mainland. It will forge economic, political and social bonds between Saudi Arabia and Bahrain, as well as with Kuwait, Iraq and the United Arab Emirates. The causeway will be tangible evidence of the call for Gulf unity. It is for this reason that the Saudi Ambassador to Bahrain Sheikh Abdulhman Al Khadi, vowed that the project would go ahead — "even if it cost double" the original estimate. And that was in the days when figures like \$1 billion were being bandied around.

But in Bahrain it has always been thought that the figure would be much lower, due to the recession in the world contracting industry and the reduction in inflation levels for goods supplied locally. Although the entire cost of the project is being borne by Saudi Arabia, one of the stipulations of the winning bid is that local companies, materials and labor be involved as much as possible in the construction. And it is this local input that has made the causeway the most important topic of conversation in Bahrain for the past decade.

By taking into consideration the local conditions, the causeway will mean the biggest single source of new business to Gulf insurance companies for years. It carries with it the promise of using local subcontractors and prefabrication facilities. For in addition to the four-lane causeway itself, there will be five suspension-type bridges, two major approach roads — one from Manama to Jassra in Bahrain and one from Dhahran and Al Khobar in the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia — two border posts and labor camps to house the anticipated 2,500 to 3,000 people who will be employed on the project.

But the joint Saudi Bahrain technical committee stipulates that these local facilities "will only be considered if they are competitive," said Yusuf Al Khajer, a member of Bahrain's contingent to the committee. It is this committee, composed of construction and industrial engineers themselves, that will be faced with the task of evaluating the final report from the causeway steering committee in March.

Since the project's conception in the 1960s it has been dogged by committees and sub-committees. Even the World Bank was consulted for its technical help and recommendations. Site investigations were carried out by a Dutch-based company and Saudi-Danish consultants drew up the original specifications for the fairly complicated project.

"At first," said technical committee member Al Khajer, "we were only interested in a steel construction. This was because of the disastrous experience we had with Government House and the Gulf Hotel in Bahrain. Both buildings were constructed in an aggregate of concrete containing different salts which combined together to actually erode the structure itself."

Since that time technology has developed a way of treating the aggregate to build a good solid bridge of concrete. "I went to New Orleans where I saw a bridge 22 miles long, much bigger than our proposed causeway. It was built in very similar climatic conditions to ours, high humidity and high temperatures and it was of concrete," said Al Khajer.

So the faith that the two countries governments originally lost in concrete has been restored, and consequently, the technical committee reopened its books to accept tenders in both materials. The \$500.3 million variation in the bids submitted reflects quotes for the two specifications now acceptable. Extensions to consider the tenders have been asked for by the bidders themselves, the steering committee and even by the ministerial committee, Yusuf Al Shirawi, Minister for Development and Industry in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia's finance minister Mohammed Abu Al Khali.

Said Yusuf Shirawi in a recent interview in Manama, Bahrain, "When the cabinet directed the ministry of finance to unleash major schemes like the causeway, we asked them to defer the project till later in the development plan rather than earlier, in order to pace our resources with our growth and check inflation."

But this in no way means that the project will be shelved. Far from it, according to a statement by Saudi minister for finance on February 10, in which he stressed the importance of his country placed on the project and predicted that work would start on the simultaneous laying of foundations in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and various points in the Gulf this year.

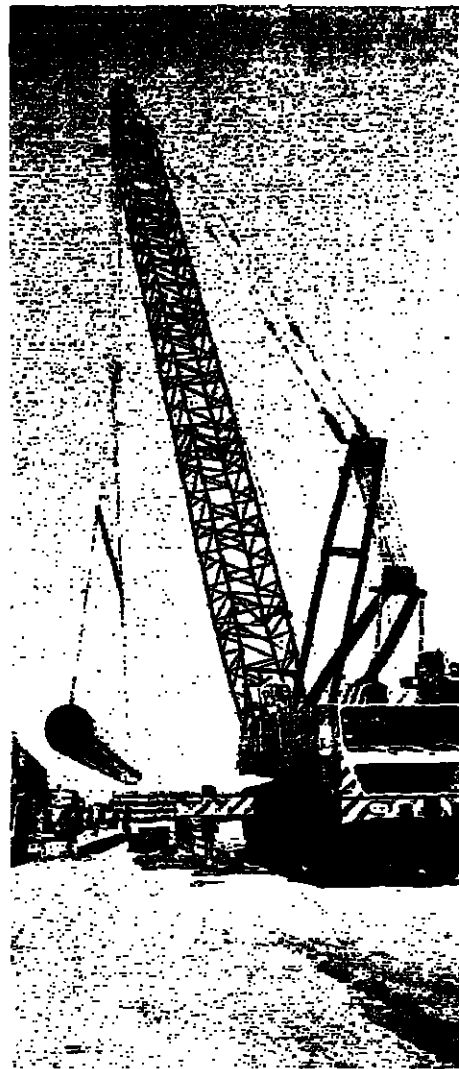
## 80 join electrical show

# British traders plan mission

JEDDAH, Feb. 28 — Representatives of eight British companies will visit the Kingdom from March 6 through 19 as members of a trade mission organized by the Birmingham Engineering and Building Center, according to a British Embassy press statement Saturday.

The companies represented produce a wide range of products including accessories for reinforced concrete, galvanized steel building components, bathroom sanitary ware fittings, power supply systems, combustion equipment, pallets and pumping equipment. Some of the companies represented will be looking for agents to sponsor them in Saudi Arabia, the statement added.

In another development, about 80 British companies are exhibiting their specialist products and services at the Middle East Electricity Exhibition being held here from Feb. 28 to 5 March in a joint venture participation organized by the British Electrical and Allied Manufacturers Association and with the cooperation of the British Overseas Trade Board, the embassy statement added.



YANBU: Workers lay piping in the industrial city of Yanbu on the Red Sea coast.

# Industrial cities grow from desert to modernity

YANBU, Feb. 28 (LAT) — "When we finish this job, someone should hire us to colonize the moon — it can't be much tougher," said an American working on one of the most ambitious industrial projects ever undertaken.

Just five years ago there was nothing here but desert sand and a vast salt marsh, undisturbed for millennia behind a barrier reef of Red Sea coral. Even the residents of tiny Yanbu, an ancient seaport 12 miles north of here where Lawrence of Arabia once made his headquarters, gave it a wide berth.

Today the salt marsh is gone, filled to the barrier reef with 31 million cubic yards of sea bottom brought up in one of the world's largest dredging operations. A vast complex of refinery towers, million-barrel oil tanks, multicolored pipes of a petrochemical plant and piers big enough for supertankers is nearing completion on the new shoreline. And the nucleus of a city containing ultramodern conveniences for an expected population of 135,000 is in place nearby and already expanding.

Directly across the Arabian peninsula, linked by 750 miles of high-pressure gas and oil pipelines, a similar but even more ambitious industrial city, for 300,000 people, is nearing completion at the old pearling and fishing village of Jubail on the Arabian gulf.

The two instant cities, with their tenuous but essential link of oil and gas from Saudi Arabia's vast eastern fields, are the linchpins of the Kingdom's ambitious plans to build a hydrocarbon industry, fortified by a steel mill and a variety of secondary manufacturing and support industries.

The goal is to keep at home at least some of the profits that are now being turned by refineries and petrochemical complexes thousands of miles removed from Saudi Arabia's rich resources of crude oil.

"Eventually not one drop of oil nor one whiff of gas should leave our shores unprocessed," a senior Saudi Arabian official said.

Another aim of the \$35-billion-plus development project is to ease Saudi Arabia's dependence on the Gulf as the shipping point of its oil. The new Jubail-to-Yanbu oil pipelines, already operational and due to begin filling supertankers in July will funnel 1.85 million barrels of oil a day across the peninsula to the new Red Sea port, some to be processed in two new Yanbu refineries and the rest transhipped through the Suez Canal and Egypt's Sued pipeline to the Mediterranean and Europe.

Alongside the oil pipeline is a high-pressure gas line that will deliver 270,000 barrels of natural gas liquids, pre-processed in Jubail, to the Yanbu industrial complex, where it will provide power and feedstock for petrochemical products and propane and butane for export.

Like most developments in this nation, the

two cities and literally everything required to support them are rising from scratch. "Four years ago all we had here were two mobile homes and a radio," said Omar Nasif, deputy director of the Yanbu project for the Royal Commission that was formed by the government to oversee the two developments.

Since then highways, electric power, telephones and monotonous rows of bungalows and motel-like dormitories have risen to accommodate a construction work force mostly foreign — that is expected to reach 25,000 by the time the city's long term residents begin settling in 1985. Minister of Industry Ghazi Al-Gosaibi said the producers of petroleum and gas "are more entitled to petroleum and gas related industries than a state separated by thousands of miles from the nearest oil well."

## COMMENT

By Seif Abdul Latif  
Al Yom

It appears we have not yet reached the stage from where we can determine the significance of tree planting and green fields in comparison to vast areas of cement and asphalt. Any such activity, be it a planting day or children's day, would seem to be nothing more than mere fun and an attractive game.

The planting weeks have, in fact, assumed the character of sports, with both starting with fun and bluster and ending in almost nothing. First of all, we ought to know why the planting week is celebrated and where we must plant. Before deciding on who would inaugurate the week, we ought to determine who will look after the growth and development of the tree.

The planting weeks have invariably ended in a fiasco, as most of the streets and parks wear a barren look, and the onslaught of the desert has been quite heavy on the towns.

I think it will be worthwhile organizing such weeks in a completely new manner. As a proposal, a committee should be formed to supply nurseries to each and every house of a residential area, no matter whether it is urban and rural. Then the head of the house after it until it has taken firm roots and has shown satisfactory growth. I believe the result would be much better than making an "official inauguration and ending the week with a function."

On the other hand, we ought to know that the tree is planted in an attempt to change the barren look of the town or the rural area. Don't you think it is calamitous for a child to find nothing in his surroundings to which he can attach his childhood, before preparing to go to see a far-off place like Bangkok?

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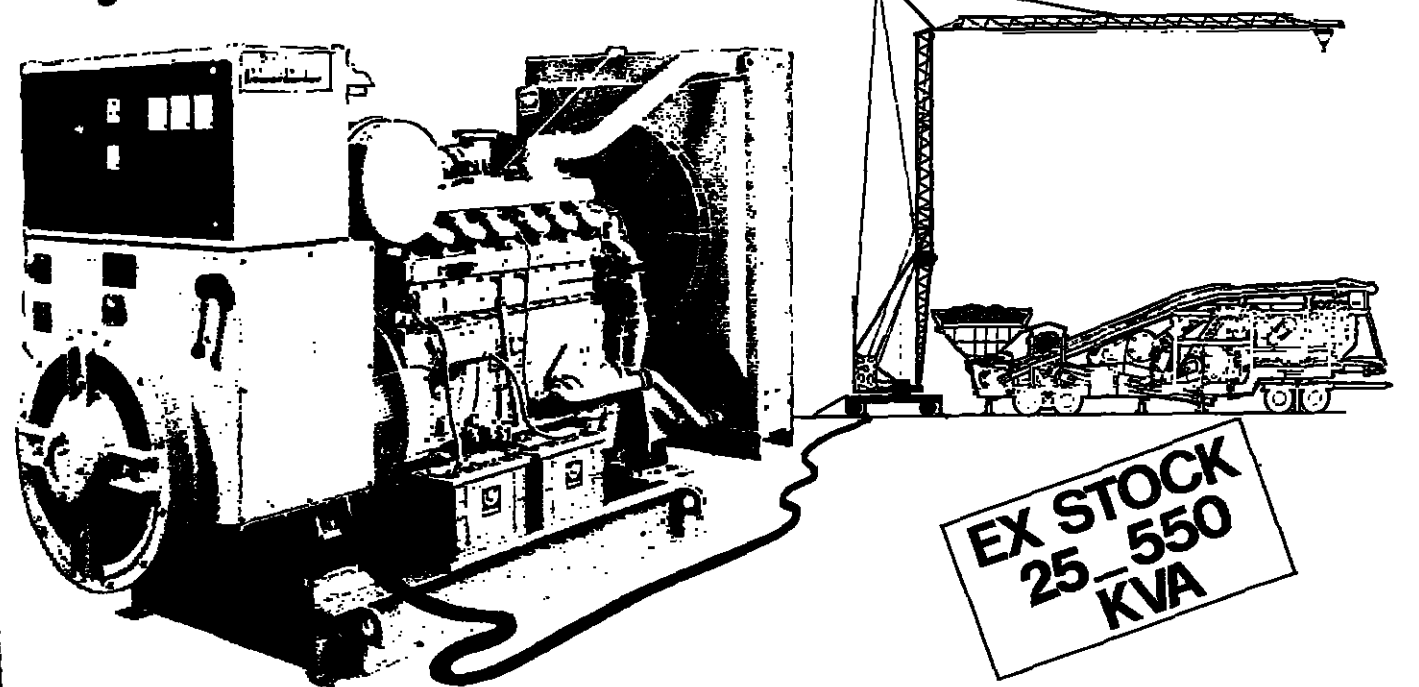
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## To overcome impasse

## U.S. urged to call Namibia conference

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 28 (AP) — African and Western diplomats are looking to the administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan to play a key role in resolving the last major colonial problem on the African continent — the thorny issue of South-west Africa, also known as Namibia.

After a pause to give the Reagan administration time to reflect on the problem, the United Nations General Assembly goes into resumed session Monday to vote on a resolution urging the Security Council to adopt economic and political sanctions to force South African compliance with past U.N. resolutions on granting independence to Namibia.

A South African diplomatic source suggested to a reporter that the current impasse over Namibia's future might be overcome if the new administration agreed to sponsor a Lancaster house-style constitutional conference. Such a conference would be modeled after the 1979 negotiations at Lancaster House in London that paved the way for independence of Zimbabwe, a former British colony of Rhodesia.

Zimbabwe's independence left Namibia as the only strictly colonial territory among 52 independent nations of the continent and related island groups. Namibia is a sparsely populated, arid region roughly the size of

## Mozambican rebels held in Zimbabwe

SALISBURY, Feb. 28 (AP) — Zimbabwe soldiers have captured 40 members of a Mozambican resistance movement inside Zimbabwe's borders during "the past few days," the government announced Friday. It was the first time the government of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe has publicly acknowledged an operation by its forces against the guerrillas who seek to overthrow the Marxist government in neighboring Mozambique.

"This is the first concentrated group to be captured in this country," Mugabe's Minister of State for Security and Supreme Military Commander Munangagwa told a news conference. Munangagwa disclosed the capture of the guerrillas while at Salisbury airport to bid farewell to a top-level Mozambican security team which was here for two days of secret talks. The minister gave no details of the operation to capture the dissidents.

Western diplomats here believe that about 4,000 guerrillas of the Mozambique National Resistance (MNR) are operating against President Samora Machel, who came to power when Mozambique gained independence from Portugal in 1975.

Britain and France combined and is rich in uranium, diamonds and other minerals. The territory is bordered by South Africa, Zambia, Botswana and Marxist-ruled Angola, the last of which provides bases for SWAPO guerrillas.

Principal participants in the Namibian dispute are the white Pretoria government, the Namibian "internal" parties recognized by South Africa, and the Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), a black guerrilla group. SWAPO has been fighting for independence since 1966 when the United Nations terminated the League of Nations mandate over the territory that had been granted to South Africa in 1920.

All these parties were brought together by the United Nations at Geneva in January at a conference intended to set a date for a ceasefire in the guerrilla war and to launch a 1978 Western-devised plan for U.N. supervised free elections leading to Namibian independence by the end of this year. The plan had particularly strong backing from the Jimmy Carter administration and its two black ambassadors to the United Nations — Andrew Young and his successor, Donald McHenry.

But South Africa decided at Geneva that a ceasefire was "premature." Pretoria charged that the United Nations lacked the impartiality needed to supervise an election since the U.N. General Assembly in 1973 had voted to recognize SWAPO as the "sole and authentic representative of the Namibian people."

While stressing that SWAPO remained committed to the U.N.-sponsored Western plan for independence, the guerrilla organization's U.N. observer Theo-Ben Gurirab did not rule out an alternative path around the impasse, including a U.S.-sponsored conference dealing with the Namibian problem.

"We are not opposed to any meeting to further clarify outstanding issues," Gurirab told the Associated Press. Before considering whether to "go back to the drawing board," Gurirab said, SWAPO would want to know clearly "what would be the objective (of a U.S.-sponsored conference)."

He expressed concern, however, that the Reagan administration would be "too preoccupied with the so-called strategic interests of the United States in Southern Africa" and, in the process, SWAPO would be "victimized because we would be seen as an instrument of Soviet aggression. There are hints that this is in the offing."

He obviously referred to U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig's avowed aim of giving the fight against international terrorism priority over human rights considerations.



QUAKE HAVOC: The ruins of Hotel Alexia in the town of Vrahati along the Gulf of Corinth. A number of buildings in Athens, including tourist hotels, suffered cracks Tuesday night when a strong earthquake hit the area.

## Archeologists concerned

## Parthenon suffers serious cracks in quake

ATHENS, Feb. 28 (AP) — Worried archeologists have reported significant earthquake damage to the Parthenon temple atop the Acropolis, symbol for 2,500 years of the glory of ancient Greece. The ancient marble columns, which have survived fire, invasion and air pollution erosion over the centuries, suffered cracks that experts described as serious although they were barely noticeable to a reporter's eye.

The cause of the damage was an earthquake

measuring 6.6 on the Richter Scale, which struck Greece with shattering force Tuesday night. It was followed by 652 aftershocks in 24 hours from an epicenter in the Gulf of Corinth 97 kms west of Athens. The quake left 15 persons dead, scores injured and hundreds homeless in chilly, rainy weather.

Historic Corinth, however, miraculously escaped damage although it was a few miles from the epicenter. A spokesman for the Corinth museum said Friday that none of the

thousands of treasured antiquities there was damaged. Nearby, modern Corinth was scarred by severe damage including the collapse of two hotels and many residences.

The Acropolis, a 155-meter hill which dominates Athens, is the site of both the Parthenon and another temple, the Erechtheum, which is famous for the Caryatids. These six marble maidens clad in long ionic tunics were saved from probable earthquake damage by another threat — continuing erosion from air pollution. The five-ton statues had been removed from the porch of the maidens last August and put into safe storage.

In Megara, a town near Athens, another well-known statue showing a headless Roman was toppled but luckily landed in a wood pile and was undamaged. G.S. Tontas, superintendent of the Acropolis, inspected the Acropolis area with a group of experts. He reported that in addition to causing the cracks in the Parthenon, the earthquake shattered 50 of the 500 priceless vases in the Erechtheum and another 10 in the Acropolis museum. Elsewhere in Athens, the southeast pillar of the temple of Olympus Zeus fell.

On the fourth floor of the famous grande Bretagne hotel, a fallen slab of marble next to the room of an Associated Press reporter testified to the force of the shock. Cracks also were reported at many historical sites in the stricken area, including the monastery of Ossiou Loukas, the pirates museum and the Byzantine wall of Dafni.

## Manila votes for French-type rule

MANILA, Feb. 28 (R) — President Ferdinand Marcos, who lifted his eight-year-old martial law rule last month, has gained approval for a revised parliamentary system for the Philippines. Marcos is expected to retain wide powers because so far he is the sole candidate for a presidential election. Under the revised system, the president could place the country under martial law again in case of an invasion or insurrection.

The interim national assembly, which is controlled by Marcos' New Society Movement (KBL), overwhelmingly approved the constitutional changes, Friday. The assembly agreed to amendments to the constitution for the formation of a French-style parliamentary system under which the president could appoint and sack the prime minister.

The amendments, to be put to a national plebiscite on March 27, also give the presi-

dent and his subordinates freedom from civil prosecution for any official acts committed during the martial law rule and after it was lifted Jan. 17. The interim national assembly will draw up questions to be put to voters in the plebiscite, which will be followed by the presidential election, and in 1984 by a general election for a regular national assembly.

The eight-party alliance in the United Democratic Opposition (UNIDO) has denounced the changes as a means of giving Marcos' rule the mantle of legitimacy. The UNIDO has not put up a rival presidential candidate. The new president would serve for six years from June 30, with the possibility of being re-elected for a further term.

In a speech Friday to members of the Philippine Military Academy, Marcos said: "I am 63 and I have no intention of retiring, for the next few years anyway."

## Uranium dust blamed for French N-plant fire

PARIS, Feb. 28 (AP) — A fire last night at a French nuclear reprocessing plant apparently was caused by the accidental spread of uranium-contaminated dust and onto a silo housing atomic wastes, according to report.

The report issued Thursday by the French government's committee on hygiene and safety said the cotton containing the uranium had been used by workers from cleaning decontaminating certain rooms at the plant La Hague, near the English Channel coast city of Cherbourg.

Among the areas cleaned with cotton, report noted, were the outer doors of the where the fire broke out Jan. 6. The government report said a large amount of cotton been used at the plant three weeks before fire and that apparently some of it worked itself into the interior of the silo.

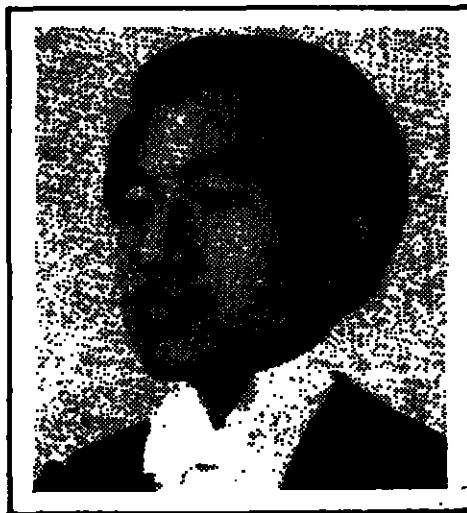
Uranium never should have been in the and its presence may have caused a combustion that caused the blaze, the report said. The government report noted five employees had been contaminated by the but had shown no signs of any complication. One employee received a radiation dose of 5.7 rems while the others received between 200 and 400 millirems each.

The maximum advisable dose per year a nuclear plant worker is 5 rems while for public it is about 500 millirems a year. Surrounding buildings, grounds and vegetation received very weak contaminations from fire, the report said. It advised the plant install instruments outside each building would monitor radioactive levels, the amount of ventilation and the presence of fires in room of the buildings.

The blaze caused an uproar among unions covering the plant's 2,500 workers. The time of the fire, the unions contend, many as 400 workers were contaminated slightly by radioactive fumes. About half plant's work force staged a major demonstration at the nuclear reprocessing facility days after the fire to demand better measures.

Several anti-nuclear groups also demonstrated throughout France to protest the nation's ambitious drive to harness power of the atom. France has the advanced nuclear energy capacity in Western world.

President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing's government has allocated \$30 billion for nuclear development for the 10-year period ending 1985. By that time, 50 per cent of French electricity should be generated by nuclear power, twice the projected U.S. rate of 2 per cent.



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# Problems in Europe

## Put off neutron, Reagan urged

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan has been urged by the Senate Armed Services Committee to postpone any plan for deploying the neutron warhead in Europe because it could create political problems with U.S. allies overseas.

Republican Senator John Tower of Texas said Friday he told Reagan that a more important goal now is modernization of tactical nuclear weapons already deployed in Europe.

During his administration, President Jimmy Carter laid the groundwork for playing the neutron warhead — sometimes called the neutron bomb — in Europe but he abruptly changed his mind. Instead, he decided that the weapon's components be produced in the United States but not assembled.

Tower, speaking with reporters in the White House driveway, said he suggested to Reagan "perhaps we shouldn't press right now on the enhanced radiation weapon cause of political problems."

"The point is that Carter's handling of this issue has made it politically very difficult for us in western Europe, and the priority is a modernization of tactical nuclear forces in that area," Tower said.

"I think we've overloaded our political circles," he added. "The first thing we have to do on with is tactical nuclear force modernization and that's a big enough political problem."



Senator John Tower

Tower said the biggest political obstacle for the neutron warhead is in West Germany with Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. "Schmidt is still smarting from the treatment he got from Carter on that," said Tower.

"Once he (Schmidt) had finally sold the (neutron warhead) to his parliament, the idea of deployment got them to accept it, then Carter subsequently pulled the rug out from under him and declared it an inhumane weapon. Obviously this was an enormous political embarrassment to Schmidt."

Tower reported to Reagan on a recent trip to 10 countries in the Middle East and North Africa. He said the United States would

"have to be responsive in security assistance" to friendly countries in the region to help them combat "what they perceive to be their greatest threat — Soviet expansionism."

The senator said he supports selling Saudi Arabia equipment to extend the range and firepower of F-15 aircraft on grounds it would help them counter Soviet moves.

"I don't believe it poses a threat to Israel's security," he said Friday of the F-15 equipment. At the same time, he said he supports giving additional military assistance to Israel.

Asked if the United States should station troops in the Middle East, Tower replied, "I don't think you ought to station American forces permanently, that is to say sizeable ground forces or even air contingents in any of these countries."

He said it is more important to have access to military facilities in those countries, be able to preposition equipment there and help those countries build up their own militaries.

Meanwhile, President Ronald Reagan's tough talk on dealing with the Soviet Union is supported by nearly three-fourths of his fellow Americans, while only 5 per cent think the president is being too harsh, according to an Associated Press-NBC News poll.

The public remains convinced that the United States trails the Soviet Union in military strength. And they want to see that situation changed, strongly backing Reagan's plans for big increases in defense spending.

### U.S. scientist's theory

## Genes hold seeds of cancer

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28 (AP) — A California scientist theorizes that hidden within every cell of every human may be a few genes that carry the seeds of cancer — seeds that will grow if the gene is somehow unleashed.

"The idea is that it's always the same set of genes that cause human cancers... and we all have these genes," said Michael Bishop of the University of California at San Francisco. He contends the cancer genes may be "the direct target of environmental carcinogens" such as cigarette smoke.

"I think that sometime in the next five years — maybe in the next one year — a molecular biologist is going to have in a test tube a piece of DNA (the material of heredity) that he knows to be such a gene."

Bishop said he and other researchers "may have stumbled on the same genes by studying tumor viruses" that cause cancers in chickens and other animals, but not man. Bishop described his findings, and the theory he drew from them, Thursday at a privately sponsored conference on recombinant DNA technology.

Identifying the specific genes that apparently go awry and begin the cancer process should have major medical value, he said later in an interview. "If I didn't believe that, I wouldn't be here."

The cancer genes almost certainly play some normal, vital role, perhaps as regulators of cell growth or differentiation, so "if you turn them off, you may cure the cancer but turn off the rest of the body as well." The presence of some cancer genes in humans, he said, is proven because a few forms of cancer are obviously inherited.

Bishop said he's been studying tumor viruses of chickens for 12 years and has found that the cancer-causing viral genes are essentially identical to certain genes in normal living cells. He said the genes — about a dozen — have been identified and more may be found — seem to appear to similar forms in all vertebrate animals, including man.

This conclusion led to his theory that the genes must have an important normal function and that sometime in the evolutionary past they were stolen from some species "through an act of piracy" by viruses.

Now when the normally harmless virus invades a cell of that species, the normally harmless gene it carries produces cancer. No such cancer viruses have ever been confirmed for humans, despite a decades-long search.

The theory suggests that normal cellular genes perform their functions safely as long as they are regulated by the cell. When that fine tuning is somehow lost, the cancer genes work out of control and transform a normal cell into the wildly reproducing cancer cell.

Bishop said researchers have used genetic engineering to extract the alleged cancer genes from various animal cells. When returned to normal cells, as part of a virus or through gene-splicing, the genes induce cancer.

The next step, he said, is to prove the theory in human cells and identify the guilty genes. Some researchers already are testing human tumors for evidence that the suspected genes are abnormally active in cancer cells.

### BRIEFS

MUNICH, (AP) — A group calling itself "armed secret execution group" has claimed responsibility for last week's bombing that injured eight persons at the studios of U.S.-sponsored Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty.

A spokesman for Bavarian state police said Friday the previously unknown group sent a letter in Polish to the studio claiming responsibility for the explosion late last Saturday.

NEW YORK, (R) — A nine-year-old boy suspected of robbing a Manhattan bank of \$118 surrendered Friday to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) which said he was believed to be the youngest person ever hunted for a bank robbery in the U.S. The boy was turned over to the New York city family court since, under New York state law, no one under the age of 10 can be charged with a crime.

LONDON, (AFP) — John Lennon, the former Beatle murdered in New York in December, left half his \$290 million fortune

to his widow Yoko Ono, under his will. The musician left some \$5.8 million to friends and relatives here, with the bulk going to Julian, his 17-year-old son from a first marriage, and the rest to charity.

NAIROBI, (AFP) — President Daniel Arap Moi returned here Friday from a visit to India and immediately appealed to students in Kenya to study rather than cause disturbances.

WELLINGTON, (AFP) — Farm disease experts Saturday gave New Zealand the all-clear following a potentially disastrous foot-and-mouth scare which put the animals of this agricultural country in quarantine. The World Animal Health Laboratory at Pirbright in England Saturday confirmed that exhaustive tests had failed to find any trace of any major stock disease in animal tissue. The findings are expected to result in a lifting of barriers against New Zealand animal products imposed by both Japan and Australia.



Harold Wilson

## Harold Wilson quitting politics

LONDON, Feb. 28 (AP) — Former Prime Minister Sir Harold Wilson will not stand for election to parliament, Labor Party officials in the west England constituency of Huyton he is represented for 30 years, have announced.

Wilson, who will be 65 next month, abruptly resigned as prime minister in April 1976, less than midway through the government's normal five-year term of office. He was succeeded by James Callaghan, who led Labor to defeat by the Conservative Party at the last election in May 1979.

Wilson and officials of the ideologically left-wing Labor Party were at pains to stress his decision to quit politics was not connected with the imminent formation of a new social democrat party, led by right-wing Labor rebels.

Shortly after the constituency announcement, however, Wilson's elder son, Robin, 7, not active in politics previously, said he had joined the Council for Social Democracy, founded last month by Labor rebels as a forerunner to a new party.

A statement from Wilson's Huyton constituency Friday recalled that the former prime minister had said in 1979 he was entering parliament for the last time. Wilson, who had major surgery last year, said the departure of nothing to do with Labor's infighting.

"What I have had to say about the pan-mixins in the party, both on the left and right, has been dealt with in the past," said Wilson.

Wilson will remain as one of Labor's 288 members in the 365-member House of Commons until the next elections, scheduled in 1984.

Wilson was one of the builders of Britain's welfare state. He became Labor's third prime minister in 1964 when he led the party to victory after 13 years of Tory rule, and was re-elected until Labor's June 1970 defeat. Wilson was prime minister again in March 1974 until he resigned.

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Recalling the normalization of relations between Egypt and Israel, one would remember that Egyptian lawyers had burnt the Israeli flag and distributed one million Palestinian flags instead. They had urged Yasser Arafat to join in an Egyptian-Palestinian conference in Cairo.

As every party has its own way of using the symbols to express its opinion, Egyptian lawyers had the right to express themselves in their own way. They did really exercise their right — a matter that will be taken note of as we have taken note of the regime in which they are living notwithstanding their dislike of its actions.

The much-talked-about normalization is still facing a deadlock to a large degree. There is an escalating opposition among the Egyptian ranks, as there are also new international and regional circumstances that make normalization of little advantage. But those who wanted to make an experiment worked on it and tested the weakness in their position and the positions of others too.

Some say that the rising Egyptian opposition to the Camp David accords might turn out to be a basic element in supporting the stance of the existing regime on Israel. Cairo is, however, capable of telling Tel Aviv at any time in the future that the limits of its actions are governed by Egypt's internal circumstances which cannot be overlooked. In this way, Cairo can play the same card which Tel Aviv has been playing against it, under the pretext of popular objections to government actions.

Moreover, the new Israeli settlements over the Palestinian territory should have ceased with a curb from the government authority. Begin, however, says he is unable to hold down the popular outburst.

Well, Sadat can pay back in the same coin by telling Begin that the popular outburst in Egypt on any specific subject is difficult to be controlled or silenced!

## Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers mostly led with the Islamic good offices committee going to Tehran to find a practical formula to put an end to Iraq-Iran armed conflict. *Al Riyadh* gave prominence to the visit of Crown Prince Akhito of Japan to Saudi Arabia beginning Saturday. In a lead story, *Al Medina* highlighted a special interview with two Afghan leaders who said the Afghan war has broken the myth of Soviet Union's red army. They also said Moscow is now making efforts to crush the Islamic spirit in Afghanistan. *Okaz* said in its lead that the U.S. Congress approval of the supply of additional equipment for F-15 warplanes to Saudi Arabia is only a matter of time.

*Al Jazirah* frontpaged a statement by Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Abu Al-Khalil in which he said Arab ministers of economy have approved the Kingdom's proposal on an agreement to facilitate trade exchange among Arab states. *Al Bilad* reported in a page one story that Israel has massed its troops on its borders with Syria and Lebanon. *Okaz* reported on its front page that the visiting French parliamentary delegation to Bahrain has acquainted the Ruler of Bahrain on the European initiative in the Middle East issue.

Newspaper editorials expressed enthusiasm over the Islamic goodwill committee's task, feeling optimistic on its success in ending the crisis between Iraq and Iran. The visit of the Japanese crown prince was another subject discussed by some papers. *Al Riyadh* dealt with Saudi Arabia's efforts to create a sound base for any meaningful dialogue

that helps in the realization of rapprochement among the Islamic states. These efforts had found their echo in the Islamic summit conference which had brought together the Arab and Islamic worlds, it said. The paper hoped that the goodwill committee would quickly find a solution to the crisis, before hostile elements start trying to make the conflict an international issue.

On the same subject, *Okaz* noted that the goodwill committee represents the aspirations of the Islamic nation as a whole, and the atmosphere and background with which the committee is embarking on its mission would help to ensure rapprochement between Iraq and Iran on the basis of a meaningful dialogue. The paper added that while the Islamic nation is serious in its efforts toward unity and solidarity, the parties concerned ought to prove their good intentions and keenness. In this way, the nation would be able to tell the world that it is capable of settling its problems in the best interests of Muslims and the world as a whole.

*Al Medina* observed that the Islamic states have already expressed their concern over the possible consequences of the war now raging between the two Islamic states. The paper expressed the confidence that a real solution to the crisis could be found only when the warring parties themselves abide by the principles of mutual respect and start striving for the removal of the causes of tension between them. It said the two countries' welcome of the goodwill committee is an encouraging indication that ought to be supported by similar other

gestures. *Al Bilad* observed that continued war between two Islamic states would only benefit the enemies of Islam who consider the rising force of Islam as a real danger for them. Their attempts to keep up the present situation between Iraq and Iran derive inspiration from their destructive objectives of weakening the power of Islam, the paper added.

Also dealing with the same subject, *Al Yam* noted that the Islamic move to end the war between Iraq and Iran has been suitably timed to coincide with the international desire to end the conflict peacefully as soon as possible. It said the goodwill committee's mission symbolizes the hopes and aspirations of Muslims of the world, and hoped that Muslims would succeed in stopping bloodshed among themselves and work dedicatedly for the realization of the main objective, which is the liberation of Jerusalem from the Zionist sacrilege.

On the other hand, *Al Jazirah* discussed the visit of the Japanese crown prince to Saudi Arabia, saying that this visit would represent a shining picture of "excellent" relations existing between Japan and Saudi Arabia. It added that economic and commercial cooperation represents the finest example of mutual relations between the two friendly peoples. The paper felt confident that the visit of Prince Akhito would provide a good opportunity for taking a look into the friendly relations and the extent of cooperation in the best interest of the peoples of the two countries.



## Afghan fighters defy Soviet air power

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The writer describes his 16-day journey into Afghanistan with the Islamic anti-Russian fighters.)

By A Special Correspondent

Jokes about our luck on our 13th day in Afghanistan turned sour when Soviet shells began raining down on the mountain village of Torra Borra where we were staying with the Muslim freedom fighters. A 122mm shell hit the mountain side 200 yards away, sending a cascade of rubble down the steep rock face. Three starshells burst in the air, lighting up the whole area. Seconds later a steady volume of fire closed in on the village.

The bombardment continued for 15 minutes before ending with one final separate round. Silence fell and the Mujahideen (freedom fighters) began to climb out of their holes. The village was covered in a dusty haze but damage to the buildings was slight. Everyone was in high spirits and one of the local fighters' leaders, Baji Deem Muhammad, said quietly that the enemy was wasting vast amounts of money and gaining nothing in trying to destroy the place.

Nevertheless, the next day our guides decided we should leave. Tanks were trying to enter the valley,

and helicopter attacks were feared. As we moved off that evening, more shells landed. We spent a sleepless night in a ruined house and then set out for the Pakistan border.

We breakfasted hours later in another ruin close to the final mountain crossing point. A commotion outside brought us to the doorway, and, looking back toward Torra Borra, we saw two "Hind" helicopter gunships dive-bombing the village with rockets and Gatling-type machine guns.

The guns fired in short growing bursts, and everyone ran for cover as the machines turned in our direction. Hiding in a group of trees, we realized they were circling to attack the village from another angle. One hovered in front of suspected gun positions, pouring in bullets, the other stood escort. After about 10 minutes they flew off, and a short but concentrated artillery barrage came down.

After this our guides refused to cross the snow-covered mountain top by day, and it was not until two days later that we finally crossed back into Pakistan. During our 16 days in Afghanistan we saw plenty of evidence of the Mujahideen's spirit and determination in what they see as a holy war against the Russian-backed Kabul regime.

Some weapons are getting through. As we entered the country from the Khyber Pass, we saw

fighters being issued with new Egyptian AKM rifles, Chinese SKS carbines and RPG-7 rocket-launchers. But they lack anti-aircraft weapons and are desperately short of medical supplies. Arms also come from deserters from the Afghan army. One group of soldiers described how they had been picked up in a bazaar while shopping and taken away to join the army. Two days later they ran away with their guns.

At Torra Borra we saw two Chinese mortars arrive. The Mujahideen decided to test them and fired off a round at a nearby hillside. There was no sign of an explosion and, amid roars of laughter, there were suggestions that it had gone over the border into Pakistan. The freedom fighters found the bomb still had its safety cap on, so they removed it, fiddled with the fuse setting and tried again. This time it exploded high in the air, bringing more roars of laughter. The sound of distant gunfire could be heard daily, and the rebels were jubilant over reports of victory.

There is no doubt the war is causing great suffering to the Afghan people, but the freedom fighters see no reason to end their fight. For the young, there is the chance to prove themselves in battle. For all, there is the chance of death in the cause of their religion, bringing the honor of martyrdom.

## Reagan's new lightning-rod

By Anthony Holden

WASHINGTON —

Six months ago David Stockman told Ronald Reagan, to his face, that he was "heartless" and "ignorant". The 33-year-old Republican congressman called his party's presidential candidate "the tool of the rich, the scourge of the poor." He accused him of wanting "to throw open the door to Alaska and allow the rape of our last frontier."

Reagan was impressed, even a little awed. He would also have been "pretty frightened," he now admits, had they not merely been rehearsing for the first TV debate of the presidential campaign. Stockman was so good in the role of John debate of the presidential campaign. Stockman was so good in the role of John Anderson, his former boss, that he was later recalled to impersonate Jimmy Carter. "After Stockman," said Reagan, "Carter and Anderson were a piece of cake."

Three months later, Stockman's performance still lurked in Reagan's mind as he set about choosing his cabinet. But an FBI check revealed a "worrisome" file on the thrusting, ambitious *Wunderkind*. In the "Vietnam summer" of 1967, it seemed, he had been the leading anti-war activist around the university campuses of Michigan — a soulmate of those very students on whom Governor Reagan was then cracking down in California.

"Ah well," said Reagan, "everyone — myself included — makes youthful mistakes." Stockman got the job he was after, director of the Office of Management and Budget, in which he has quickly emerged as the new administration's dominant economic voice. The youngest cabinet member in more than 150 years, he has totally eclipsed Treasury Secretary Donald Regan and is now giving Alexander Haig a run for his money as the "strong man" of the Reagan cabinet.

The president's State of the Union address, a major economic speech before a joint session of Congress, was largely Stockman's work. Reagan has given his young budget director *Carte blanche* to propose public spending cuts on an unprecedented — and, of course, highly unpopular — scale.

The first 100 days of the Reagan years are to be dominated by a frontal assault on the domestic economy, designed ultimately to reverse 50 years of liberal government programs dating back to the New Deal. Both the fiscal philosophy and its implementation have been left almost entirely to Stockman. The president is thus entrusting his early goodwill and ultimate standing, quite apart from the immediate well-being of the nation, to a man half his age with no economic qualifications at all.

It is just 12 years since 21-year-old Dave Stockman left Michigan State University with a history degree, bound for the Harvard School of Divinity. His fascination with the writings of Reinhold Niebuhr had decided him on a career as an unordained theologian. "I was trying," he now says, "to find an intellectual way out of the radical thicket I was in."

The divinity degree, as it happened, was also a handy way of dodging the draft. The Vietnam summer, Stockman decided, had been "pretty much of a bust." His ideas were swinging right, toward a liberal brand of Republicanism. The obvious Harvard guru of the time, an academic commuting back and forth to the Nixon White House, was Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

Stockman waged a shrewd and shameless campaign for the coveted job of Moynihan's "babysitter." He read all the master's published works, shone at his interview, and was soon installed in the Moynihan household as resident dogbody. Had you attended a Moynihan cocktail party 10 years ago, the youth in the white coat mixing drinks — and later clearing up while seeing the kids off to bed — would have been the man in charge of the \$739 billion budget.

At weekends, pupil and mentor would rap. "I was Moynihanized," said Stockman. "I was looking for an alternative viewpoint that was respectable, while being anti-left. I had to reconstruct my whole philosophy and ideology." Moynihan, now the Democratic senator from New York, offered "a certain skepticism" about LBJ liberalism. In 1970 Moynihan mentioned Stockman to Congressman John Anderson, who was enlarging his staff on becoming chairman of the House Republican Conference. Offered a job, Stockman abandoned his divinity degree, borrowed \$50 from his mother for the air fare, and arrived in Washington.

Within 18 months, he had risen to the directorship of the Republican think-tank in the House, with his own research staff, and an insatiable appetite for conservative economic tracts. "Those," he says, "were my formative years."

After only three of them he was ready to challenge the Republican congressman in his own Michigan district, where he had grown up as the eldest of five children in a Norman Rockwell-style Midwest farmstead. The Stockman campaign was so intense that the 20-year incumbent withdrew without even contesting the primary. He was a member of the U.S. Congress at 29.

Despite a five-year father-and-son relationship, Stockman soon drifted away from Anderson's brand of liberalism. He found a new mentor in Jack Kemp, the former football star who had become one of the foremost conservative economic theorists on Capitol Hill (and was later to be author of the Kemp-Roth Tax-Cut Bill, on which the Reagan-Stockman tax-cutting program is based). It was at Kemp's knee that Stockman swallowed the "supply-side" gospel wholesale.

Their partnership climaxed in December, when they jointly presented Reagan with a major report warning of "an economic Dunkirk". The president-elect spurned their advice to declare a state of economic emergency, but he placed the Kemp-Stockman proposals before such transition advisers as George Shultz, Alan Greenspan and Arthur Burns as their agenda for urgent action.

Of all the people Stockman has stomped on in his rapid rise to the top, the most bruised seems to be John Anderson, whose presidential candidacy last year his sometime protégé refused to endorse. Anderson himself now declines to be interviewed about Stockman, but his wife Keke said recently: "John sensed that there was too much drive there, not enough... human aspects."

From all else, on all sides, there is nothing but wide-eyed praise, tempered only by suspicions that Stockman may be riding for a fall of Lucifer-like dimensions. "He is a lightning-rod for the Reagan proposals," said one congressman. "If they fail, or if Congress throws them out, the fall-guy will be Stockman."

For now, while Haig's foreign policy struggles toward an identity, Stockman is the focal point of all the Reagan administration stands for. "He's flashing like a meteor across the sky," observes one canny supporter, Congressman Barber Conable of New York. "I just hope he lasts longer than the average meteor."



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# 'The nutritious desert food'

By Kathy Lund

JEDDAH — Although modern day folks like to think of themselves as well fed and well nourished they could take a few leaves out of the book of good nutrition from their less educated ancestors. So thinks Pam Hall, a home economist of many years' experience with a special interest in nutrition. Since coming to Jeddah with her geologist husband, Tony, some years ago Pam has paid particular attention to traditional local foods and diets and has arrived at a firm conviction: without the aid of science or specialized learning unsophisticated people instinctively arrive at a far better balanced diet than that consumed in more highly developed societies.

Thus the traditional coffee and tea, flat bread, sam'n (clarified butter) and date

overall Middle Eastern diet — was a great plus point. Milk is almost a total food in itself containing the minerals calcium, phosphorus and potassium; vitamins; fats, carbohydrates; and protein.

The bread, particularly in earlier days, would have been made from wholemeal flour thus the food value of the grain husk would not be processed out of the finished product. The husk contains valuable minerals and also provides roughage for good digestion. Additional minerals and vitamins would be contained in the dates.

"Thus the traditional breakfast or snack would provide all the essentials: minerals, vitamins, carbohydrates, fats and oils, and protein," said Pam. "Add to this the proteins and minerals contained in the meat and rice of the main meal, and the extra goodness

local people a great food advantage over their more industrialized counterparts, said Pam. Sun ripening allows the production of more vitamins and — just as important to those who have suffered tasteless prepacked tomatoes, apples and other fruits — more flavor.

Pam feels that famous Middle Eastern dishes such as tabbouleh, babaganoush and humus are fine examples of her "balanced diet" theory. "With its emphasis on fresh vegetables and cracked wheat tabbouleh is choc full of vitamins and minerals," she said. "Vegetables and herbs such as tomatoes, cucumbers, spring onions, parsley and mint contain much goodness, while lemon juice provides that invaluable vitamin C. Cracked wheat provides minerals and all-important roughage."

"Humus and babaganoush are also full of vitamins, minerals and oils," she added. During her time in Jeddah she has collected her own favorite recipes for many of these famous Middle Eastern and Arab dishes — usually from Arab friends. Her method of cooking babaganoush and tabbouleh is as follows:

## BABAGANOUSH:

Ingredients: 3 large aubergines; 2-4 cloves garlic; 1/2 pint tahina paste; juice 3 lemons; 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin; 2 tablespoons chopped parsley; few black olives or thinly sliced tomato for garnish; salt. Method — Cook aubergines over flame until skin blisters, then peel; wash aubergines and squeeze out as much bitter juice as possible; mash aubergines or put through blender; crush garlic with salt and mix aubergines. Add more salt to taste until smooth paste; add tahina and lemon juice alternately blending well between each addition; taste and add more salt, tahina and lemon if necessary; and garnish with chopped parsley and black olives, or sliced tomato. Serve with Arab bread

## TABBOULEH:

(This recipe makes a large quantity) Ingredients: Large bunch each of parsley and mint; 1 kilo cucumbers; 1 1/2 kilo tomatoes; 1 bunch spring onions; olive oil; lemon juice (at least three lemons); salt; red (hot) pepper or 1 fresh chili; 2 cups bulghul (crushed wheat). Method: Chop everything finely but keep separate until just before serving. Moisten bulghul slightly then mix all together and taste for seasoning.



BALANCED DIET: Fresh vegetables such as tomatoes and cucumbers, parsley, milk products and bread as contained in Arab food constitute well balanced diet.

breakfast that a Bedu child enjoys is in fact far more nutritious than the "honey snaps" and "coco pops" that a Western child devours. "The customary desert breakfast contains practically all the daily requirements of a balanced diet," said Pam, "and the meals for the rest of the day cover most of the other necessities. By contrast the only nutrition value of the usual cereal breakfast a Western child would eat is the milk. The cereal, like so much Western food, is over-sugared and over-refined."

Pam said that the emphasis on milk, and milk products, in the Bedu diet — indeed the

provided by such products as laban and you have a diet that, although perhaps restricted, is very balanced.

"Also, it should be remembered that the food of the Middle East, including that of the Bedu, places great emphasis on the fresh fruits and vegetables, and these would be added to the diet whenever possible for variety and additional nutrition. The more settled communities in the various fertile wadis have a long history of producing a wide variety of vegetables."

The usual method of growing vegetables — allowing them to ripen in the sun — also gives

# The 'street mob' menace in West Berlin

By Susanne M. Schaffer

BERLIN, (AP) — For the second time in 35 years, West Berlin has become an occupied city. Squatters have taken over more than 50 buildings amid a housing shortage that has spawned street violence, raised questions about property rights and shaken the local government. Several demonstrations in mid-December led to clashes between youths and police in which hundreds were arrested. Most were quickly released, but at least 260 cases of assault, trespassing and vandalism are pending.

Some squatters, who proudly call themselves "the mob from the streets," say they want to preserve and rebuild the once-proud remnants of the Prussian capital. Others are simply angry over the lack of good housing, rising rents and stiff sentences handed to a few of the arrested demonstrators. "Tension is high," said Werner Ovwolski, a drug store owner in the tough, working class Kreuzberg district and chairman of a local tenants' committee. "But nobody really wants trouble."

Many European cities have housing problems, but West Berlin's special status causes peculiar difficulties. As an island 175 kms deep in East German territory with boundaries set by U.S., British, French and Soviet occupiers after World War II, the 480-sq-kms western sector of the divided city allows its 2.2 million inhabitants no room to spread. Berlin city officials say some 60,000 persons are seeking housing or improved housing — 20,000 of those are "urgent cases."

Although the city has 1.1 million apartments, officials say one-fourth lack running water or toilets. Nearly half existed before, other houses were hurriedly constructed in

the industrial revolution building boom of the 1870s, and most were damaged in the last war. In recent weeks, tens of thousands of angry protesters — ranging from bearded, 53-year-old businessman Ovwolski to unemployed rowdies — have demonstrated in West Berlin's neon-lit streets.

They complain that the city government's urban renewal policies constructed only concrete suburbs, and allowed entire blocks of inner city dwellings to stand empty and rot while speculators await permission to raze the buildings and build high-rise, high-rent apartments. Police has refused to clash with squatters until last December when an owner asked them prevent a takeover. Several hours of stone-throwing and street fights resulted. Dozens injured and scores arrested.

Rudi Kujath, West Berlin's head of urban renewal, said the city's isolation does not interest young professionals, yet its lively cultural scene, exemption from the West German draft and three universities attract the young. One-third of the population here is over 60 years old with most living alone in pre-war housing.

Along with 200,000 foreign workers, 80,000 students are in the city and seek cheaper housing. The baby boom, tougher university entrance requirements and rising unemployment has swelled the number of young unemployed to 3,000. "This isn't much for some cities, but for our German society based on law and order and high employment, it is a very bad," said Kujath.

Every Saturday night, nearly 1,000 young persons can be seen lining up outside the local morning newspaper, waiting to grab the rental ads.

"Sure, I'm unemployed," said Johannes, a

jean-clad lawyer with shoulder-length hair who helped take over a decrepit four-story, 108-year-old house. "But I still have a right to housing."

In a tactical switch from their secretive late-night occupations designed to duck police and press, Johannes and other squatters openly proclaimed the takeover with a street-side saxophone concert, handing out cookies and pamphlets explaining their actions to passers-by.

"I support the squatters," said one middle-aged German mother. "This neighborhood is a mess and it's time something be done."

Other squatters have restored apartment buildings and factories to their earlier stone and brick charm, setting up woodworking stores, taxi cooperatives, car repairshops or theater groups. City housing officials have negotiated an end to some occupations, either offering money to help restore apartments or halting urban renewal projects until local groups could be consulted.

Most of the occupied housing is owned by the government or real estate firms who have made purchases with city-financed loans.

Mayor Dietrich Stobbe was forced to resign recently after a scandal in which an architect fled the country with \$57 million. New elections have been called for May. The government has also offered \$10 million to partially repair some buildings. Often, it has proven cheaper to tear down the older buildings since their poor construction makes renovation prohibitive. Since judges began handing down 14 month and 18 month sentences to the participants in violent demonstrations, the occupants have refused to deal with the government until a general amnesty is decreed.

## Moroccan art exhibition

# United States to see 'Egypt Today'

By Tom Canahane  
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, — An extensive celebration of ancient and modern Egyptian culture will be launched next month in three major American cities, the Egyptian Embassy announced here. The cultural festival, called *Egypt Today*, will open March 16 in Washington, Houston and Los Angeles, according to Egyptian Ambassador Ashraf Ghorbal. Plans for the celebration are now completed, Ghorbal told reporters.

The festivities will be inaugurated here with a keynote address by Mrs. Jihan Sadat, wife of the Egyptian president, at the National Academy of Science, Ghorbal said. Mrs. Sadat will also preside over the reviews and openings in Houston and Los Angeles. The ambassador also revealed that the First Lady, Nancy Reagan, has invited Mrs. Sadat to a luncheon on March 16. There are no plans for Mrs. Sadat to meet with President Reagan Ghorbal said.

More than 70 exhibits and events are planned in the three cities in what former U.S. Ambassador president of the Middle East Institute, has described as a "festival of friendship between Egypt and the U.S." The celebration is being sponsored by the Middle East Institute, the Smithsonian Institution and Meridian House International.

In Washington, the show, which Ghorbal characterized as a demonstration of the "closeness of the two peoples and cultures," will last 6 to 8 weeks and will include exhibits of contemporary Egyptian paintings, sculptures, current and traditional clothes, jewelry, weavings, and antiques. Washington area museums and galleries will present a diverse series of cultural exhibits and events. The Hirshhorn Museum, for example, is presenting 15 sculptures by Mahmoud Moustafa, a well-known modern Egyptian sculptor, while the Freer Gallery is featuring ancient glass vessels from the 15th to 10th centuries B.C. Other exhibits include "Egypt Today: Embroidered Pictures from Akhmim" at the Renwick Gallery and "Traditional Costumes and Jewelry of Egypt" at the Museum of African Art. The Museum of American History will be hosting a film festival of popular Egyptian movies, subtitled in English. Films include "The Postman" (1968), "The Water Carrier is Dead" (1977), and "Ascent into the Abyss" (1978). The museum will also present a poetry reading in Arabic by Egyptian poet Salah Abdel Sabour and an illustrated lecture entitled, "Architecture for the Poor," by Hassan Fathy, an Egyptian architect known for his theories which "emphasize a closeness to nature and the application of local natural materials."

The festival will also feature workshops for adults and children. Adults can learn how to make Egyptian bead necklaces and tapestry pectorals while children, ages 8 to 13, can study hieroglyphics and ancient artifacts as well as learn some Contemporary Egyptian games, songs, and stories.

It is part of annual series of cross-cultural expositions whose primary purpose is to raise the American public's understanding and awareness of other countries and their cultures. The first program was in 1977 when the National Endowment for the Humanities, (NEH), sponsored a "Canada Today" symposium. It was termed a success and was soon followed by "Mexico Today" (1978), "Japan Today" (1979), and "Belgium Today" (1980).

Meanwhile, Washington's Textile Museum, in cooperation with Morocco, has opened an exhibition of Moroccan rugs and textiles. The exhibition, "From the Far West: Carpets and Textiles of Morocco," currently on view until March 28 is the first major show of Moroccan artwork in the United States.

On display were nearly 100 samples of Moroccan textiles; 75 pile and flat-woven rugs have been gathered from the Museum's own collection and from twelve other private collections in the U.S. The remaining 25 carpets, never before shown outside Morocco, have been loaned by the Moroccan national

museums in Rabat, Meknes, Fes, and Marrakech. The exposition includes examples of traditional rugs and textiles from the Berber and Arab peoples who have settled in Morocco's desert, mountain, and plains regions. The exhibit also shows the rich carpets produced in urban centers such as Medjouna and Rabat dating from the 18th century.

The Berbers, a formerly nomadic people who have lived in the Middle and High Atlas mountains for centuries, still style their carpets and textiles along ancient tribal patterns. Berber weavings are woven with thick pile and incorporate complicated geometric designs such as diamonds, squares, triangles, and checkerboard patterns.

Berber color coordination is extraordinary. Two large rugs are also exhibited in full length. One has a red pattern set against a deep blue background while the other has soft earth colors, brown, tan, and green, contrasted by a field of bright yellow. The Berbers use their woven products for ceremonial and practical purposes simultaneously. An example of this dual use is the Zemmour woman's blanket, called a Tahddun, from the Middle Atlas area. In addition to keeping the woman warm from the cold mountain wind, the blanket also serves as a ceremonial cape when she becomes a bride and journeys to her husband's home. It is also used to honor guests by spreading it over their seating mats or by covering them at night with it when they sleep. Eventually, the blanket becomes a burial shroud which is sometimes buried with her when she dies.

The blanket is thick and heavy and is decorated with green, yellow, and brown horizontal rows laid against a dark red background with plain white bands interspersed between the colored rows. The Arab people who settled in the plains of Marrakech and the Tensift River basin during the 8th century following the Arab invasions have developed a weaving tradition that is distinct from the Berbers. Unlike the balanced geometry in Berber designs, the Arabs use a haphazard placement of ancient figurative motifs such as serpents, centipedes, scorpions, wild boards, and even human silhouettes on their rugs and textiles.

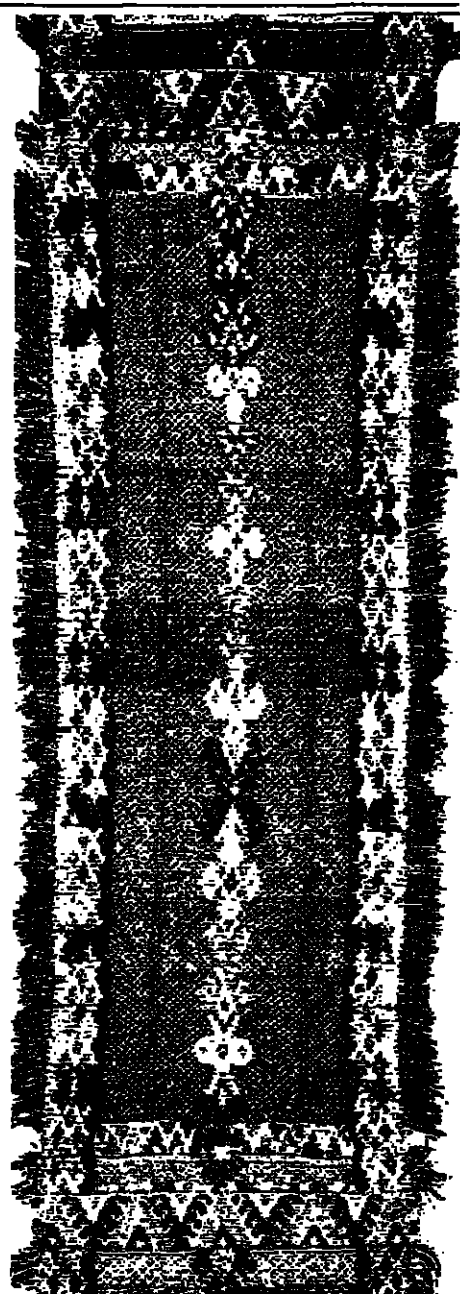
The Arabs have also made use of the wasm, an Arabic word for the brand or mark that the nomads use to identify their tribal property. A single wasm would be sewn into the carpet where it would stand out and serve as a distinctive mark. Many times, the Arabs used a wasm that resembled an English letter like an X, Y, H, T, or an upside down V. Over the years this single wasm would sometimes evolve into a pattern itself.

While the rugs woven by Berbers make use of different background colors, Arab carpets usually have a red setting ranging from deep scarlet to a salmon red. This characteristic red coloring comes from the madder, a vine with yellow flowers and a red root that grows along the banks of the Tensift River, which the Arabs use for their dyes.

In addition to examples of the Arab and Berber weaving traditions, rugs woven in cities such as Rabat and Medjouna were on display. This third tradition dates back to the 18th century when a middle class began to emerge in these urban areas. These rugs were originally made for upper middle class homes and imperial palaces and used for decorative purposes.

In sharp contrast to the simplicity of the rural Arab and Berber styles, these urban rugs are finely textured and aim for a measure of affluence and refinement. The design is similar to Middle Eastern styles found in Cairo, Damascus, and Turkey. The "Medjouna Rug", with its large center field girded by large octagonal medallions and intricate floral patterns, is an example of this style. While the rugs that are hanging from the walls are the main attractions in this exhibit, the two glass enclosed showcases, displaying such diverse items as cushion covers, saddle rugs and bags, pillows, brass plates and teapots, leather slippers, long knives and muskets inlaid with silver, arm mannequins modeling shawls and cloaks, add a living dimension to the exhibit.

With the help of the showcases, the viewer



MOROCCAN RUG: An exhibition "From the Far West: Carpets and Textiles of Morocco" is being held at Washington's Textile Museum. Nearly 100 samples of Moroccan textiles and 75 pile and flatwoven rugs have been put on display. The rug (above) is made of blue and orange complementary wefts which have been knotted around the outermost warps and is left to form a fringe along the sides. The wool of these newer pieces does not have the rich luster of the older examples.

can imagine "a land of desert warriors and distant caravans, majestic mountain peaks and ranges, fertile plains and vast stretches of the Sahara, exotic walled cities and Berber fortress towns." Another special feature of this show is a series of color pictures, entitled "From Sheep to Rugs", that line the wall when entering the main gallery which depicts the process that goes into making the rugs. The first illustration shows a herd of sheep grazing in a green field somewhere in the Middle Atlas which is then followed by a chain of photos of village matriarchs carding, combing, and spinning the wool, preparing it for the market. From there, the wool is sold to local rug-makers, predominantly women, who skillfully transform the wool into the finished product.

The Moroccan exhibit will be shown at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art this summer and then at the Elvehjem Museum of Art in Madison, Wisconsin, in the fall.

On the third floor of the museum there is a smaller display of remnants of Middle Eastern carpets dating from the 15th and 17th centuries. Although this exhibit is separate from the Moroccan show, it is interesting to see both because it gives the viewer a better appreciation of the vague similarities and the marked differences between the various weaving traditions.

This display includes rugs from Maluk, Egypt and Syria from the 15th and 16th centuries, Ottoman carpets from the early 17th century, Persian rugs from Herat dating from the 16th century, and even Mughal rugs from Lahore going back to the 17th century. One of the more unusual rugs is from the Mughal royal court and pictures two large black elephants with long, white ivory tusks fighting amidst flowering plants while a white pelican is perched above the huge beasts. The whole scene is contrasted against a maroon red background.

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## Baseball players decide to strike

## Razorbacks wrest SWC title

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is a weekly roundup of sports in the United States compiled by Cynthia Shanley from our Houston Bureau.

College basketball teams completed their final week of regular season play and Professional basketball teams drew one week closer to the National Basketball Association (NBA) playoffs in sports action this week, while in Major-League Baseball a decision to strike was reached by dissatisfied players.

Major-League players, convinced that club owners, demands for compensation "would cut the free-agency system," have voted to strike May 29 unless the controversial issue can be resolved. The Players Association Executive Board, comprised of representatives of all Major-League clubs, voted unanimously this week in favor of the strike.

Baltimore third baseman Doug Decina, the Association's American League representative said, "hopefully we will have some legitimate negotiations. We're trying to avoid a strike. We do not want to strike but we're being forced to."

According to National League representative Bob Boone of the Philadelphia Phillies, "the main issue in this is freedom."

In College Basketball, the Arkansas Razorbacks overcame Southern Methodist University's slowdown game 47-33 to win the undisputed Southwestern Conference

(SWC) Championship.

The University of Houston beat the Rice Owls 63-55 to clinch a semifinals spot in the SWC post-season basketball tournament.

Four Irish starters finished in double figures as the Notre Dame Irish topped St. Francis of Pennsylvania 87-71. The Irish offense was led by Orlando Woolridge who had 16 points and nine rebounds.

In Tempe, Arizona, center Alton Lister put in 18 points to lead fifth-ranked Arizona State to a 79-54 victory over Stanford in a Pacific 10 Conference game. The Sun Devils had all five starters finish in double figures as Arizona State increased its second-place league record to 13-2 and overall mark to 21-3.

University of Wyoming senior guard Charles Bradley hit two crucial free throws in the second overtime period to lead the Cowboys to a 86-84 victory over Brigham Young University. The Cowboys reached the 20-victory mark for the first time since 1952.

Seventh-ranked Utah whipped Colorado State 73-50 to clinch a tie for the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) title. The victory raised the Ute's WAC record to 13-1 and overall mark to 24-2 Wyoming, which beat Brigham Young in double overtime is the Utes' closest pursuer at 11-3. Each team has two WAC games remaining.

A pair of free throws by Vince Brookings with 36 seconds left gave Iowa a three-point

lead and allowed the Hawkeyes to escape a determined Michigan team 69-66.

Reserve guard Jim Thomas ignited Indiana on a second-half burst, and the 16th ranked Hoosiers cruised to a 74-58 big ten conference victory over Ohio State. The Hoosiers, now 18-9 overall and 11-4 in the big ten took their biggest lead of the game on a pair of free throws by Randy Wittman with 11 seconds to pull ahead 74-57.

Three Wichita State players scored double figures as the 19th ranked Shockers downed Bradley 70-57 to clinch first place in the Missouri Valley Conference (MVC). The win gives Wichita State the home court advantage throughout the MVC post-season tournament which will begin this coming week.

In NBA games this week, Larry Bird netted 30 points and grabbed 18 rebounds and Robert Parish added 24 points to lead the Boston Celtics to a 124-103 win over the Cleveland Cavaliers. It was the Celtics' 23rd win in a row at Boston Garden.

In the Bucks vs. the Lakers game, Bob Lanier pured in 29 points matching a single-game high for the season, and sparked a devastating Milwaukee fast break with his outlet passing to lead the Bucks to a 126-108 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers.

Forward Julius Erving of the Philadelphia 76ers scored seven of his game-high 39 points in the final two minutes of the first half, helping Philadelphia break open a close game and the 76ers went on to an easy 107-95 victory over the San Diego Clippers. The Clippers, who dropped to a 29-36 season record, disappointed a crowd of 13,841, their first home sellout crowd of the season, by committing several second-half turnovers against a pressing Philadelphia defense.

The Washington Bullets scored a 120-105 victory over the New York Knicks their first win against New York in five times this season. The victory pulled the Bullets to within one-half game of Chicago for the final Eastern Conference spot in the NBA. Elvin Hayes and Greg Ballard combined for 57 points for the Bullets.

Adrian Dantley and Darrell Griffith combined for 65 points in leading Utah to a 132-106 out of the New Jersey Nets in the widest victory spread of the season for the Jazz, ending a five-game losing streak. Utah is 25-41 on the season, one more win than the team had during the entire 1979-80 season.

And in Houston, the Rockets hit their longest winning record of the year — four straight — with a 101-100 squeaker over the Indiana Pacers. Their other wins, against Utah, Los Angeles and Seattle, have given the Rockets a 32-33 record overall and have put them within reach of attaining the 500 mark this season.

## Johnson back in action

## Lakers get past Nets

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 — The magic man is back: Earvin "Magic" Johnson sidelined since Nov. 18 because of torn cartilage in his left knee, returned to action Friday night in Los Angeles and contributed 12 points, 11 rebounds, four assists and three seals to the Lakers' 107-103 National Basketball Association victory over the New Jersey Nets.

"I felt relaxed," said the 21-year-old Johnson, who played 24 minutes in a reserve role. In other NBA games, the Chicago Bulls beat the Washington Bullets 112-100, the Philadelphia 76ers edged the Utah Jazz 87-83, the Boston Celtics clobbered the Atlanta Hawks 132-102, the Detroit Pistons defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers 118-109, the Indiana Pacers topped the Dallas Mavericks 118-111, the Houston Rockets trimmed the Seattle SuperSonics 96-92, the Denver Nuggets outscored the Golden State Warriors 137-130 and the Portland Blazers beat the Phoenix Suns 121-117.

Johnson, who won most valuable player standing ovations from the sellout crowd of 17,505 at Forum — when the Lakers came out for pre-game warmups, when he was introduced before the game and when he made his first appearance.

Johnson had a key offensive rebound of a missed shot by Lakers' center with 10 seconds to play and Los Angeles leading by just two points. Abdul-Jabbar finished with 28 points for the Lakers, who are now 16-5. Norm Nixon and Jann Wilkes added 22 and 20 points, respectively, for the Lakers, while Mike Newlin had 22 points for New Jersey, which led most of the game but missed 11 of its first 12 shots in the final period.

The Lakers host the Pacific Division-leading Suns Sunday. Los Angeles Trails Phoenix by 3½ games.

Bulls 112, bullets 100: David Greenwood tied his season high with 28 points, hitting 14 of 19 shots from the field, as Chicago beat Washington for the fifth time this season and moved 1½ games ahead of the Bullets in the race for the final Eastern Conference playoff berth.

76ers 87, Jazz 83: Utah led by as many as five points in the fourth quarter and by 81-80 with 1:30 to play, but three free throws by Lionel Hollins and two apiece by Julius Erving and Darryl Dawkins pulled the victory out for Philadelphia. Reserve forward Bobby Jones led the 76ers with 20 points, while NBA scoring leader Adrian Dantley had 24 for Utah.

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TUSSEL: Former Dutch international Tussel (left) and Bruno Conti of Italy in a tussle for the ball during the Rest of Europe versus Italy selection at Rome's Olympic Stadium Wednesday. Rest Europe won 3-0.

## Chandra Cheeseborough excels

## Veterans corner day's glory

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (AP) — Veteran Francie Larrieu outdueled Margaret Groos and smashed her world indoor best for the women's two-mile (3.2-km) race Friday night at the USA-Mobile Indoor Track and Field Championships at Madison Square Garden.

The diminutive 28-year-old Larrieu, who had been racing competitively for half her life and has been on two U.S. Olympic teams, was timed in 9 minutes, 38.1 seconds in breaking her previous indoor record of 9:39, set in 1974.

Gross, of the university of Virginia Track Club, also went under the old mark, clocking 9:38.3. This was Larrieu's sixth indoor championship. She won the two-mile in 1977 and the mile in 1975, 1977, 1978 and 1979.

Earlier, Evelyn Ashford, sporting a long sleek racing suit similar to that of a speed skater, came within one-hundredth of a second of breaking the women's record in the 60-yard dash.

Ashford was timed in 6.63 seconds. The indoor mark is 6.62 seconds set recently by Alice Brown. Brown was no factor Friday night, finishing fourth in 6.80. Jeannette Bolden placed second in 6.69 and Chandra Cheeseborough took third in 6.72.

The victory was the third straight national indoor title for Ashford, the world's top-ranked sprinter in 1979 who missed most

of the 1980 outdoor campaign after suffering a pulled hamstring muscle in May.

Meanwhile, Stanley Floyd, the men's indoor record holder in the 60, won his specialty in 6.15, well short of his mark of 6.04. But it was good enough to beat Lamont King of Arizona State University, who finished in 6.18.

The closest of the short distance races was the men's 60-yard (54.6-meter) hurdles, in which two-time Olympic medalist Alejandro Casanas of Cuba nipped 1972 Olympic champion Rod Milburn. Casanas was clocked in 7.14 seconds, while Milburn, the 1980 champion and seeking his fourth national indoor title, was timed in 7.15.

Benita Fitzgerald of the University of Tennessee won the women's 60-yard high hurdles in 7.72, as former record-holder Candy Young of Fairleigh Dickinson was a disappointing fourth in 7.81 and current record holder Stephanie Hightower failed to qualify for the final.

Earlier, Larry Myricks, beat Carl Lewis owner of the indoor record, in the men's long jump and four indoor bests were established.

The veteran Myricks, the world's second-ranked long-jumper, soared 26 feet, 8¼ inches (8.145 meters) in winning for the fifth consecutive time this year. Lewis, a University of Houston sophomore, who leaped a record 27-10 ¼ (8.49 meters) on Feb. 20 at

Fortworth, Texas, could clear only 26-6 ¼ (8.08 meters) on the garden's short, slow runway.

While Myricks and Lewis were dueling for the first time this season, Ed Kania shattered the indoor record for the 35-pound (15.75-kilo) weight throw with a heave of 73-4 (22.935 meters) and Chandra Cheeseborough was involved in three record performances, two on Tennessee State University relay teams.

Cheeseborough, a 22-year old senior, cracked her indoor mark for an automatically-timed 220-yard (200.2-meter) race, with a time of 23.56 seconds in the trials, ran on Tennessee state's 640-yard (582.4-meter) relay team that was clocked in a record 1:09.8 in a trial heat, and on the Tigerbelles' 880-yard (800.8-meter) medley relay team that was caught in 1:42.17.

Ireland's Eamonn Coghlan, pouring on the speed in the closing laps, ran the second fastest indoor three-mile (4.8 km) race in history with a time of 12 minutes, 54.80 seconds. Coghlan, who set the indoor mile (1.6km) record of 3:50.6 last Friday night at San Diego, came to Madison Square Garden with the intention of smashing Emiel Puttemans' three-mile mark of 12:54.6, set in 1976 at Paris.

Coghlan barely missed it. He made a stirring stretch run by himself in falling short of Puttemans' mark by two-tenths of a second.

## Watson, Bean streak ahead of field

ORLANDO, Feb. 28 (AP) — Andy Bean birdied all the par-3 holes on the way to a record-setting, 9-under-par 62 and tied Tom Watson for the lead Friday in the second round of the \$300,000 Bay Hill Golf Classic.

"Any time you put four twos on your scorecard, you ought to shoot in the low 60s," said the powerful, 6-foot-4 Bean, who Watson calls "the birdie machine."

"It's one of the best rounds I've ever played; one of my best chances to shoot in the 50s," Bean said. He hit every green in regulation figures and didn't even come close to making a bogey.

His effort, in warm, hazy weather without a hint of the breeze that often make Florida courses difficult, set a record for the 7,102-yard Bay Hill Club layout and equaled the

low score of the year on the PGA tour. His 36-hole total of 130, 12 under par, also tied the low two-round total for the season and left Watson struggling all but out of reach in his wake.

Watson, the first-round leader and golf's outstanding performer over the past four years, salvaged a share of the top spot with a magnificent effort on the last hole.

He was 6-under par for the day before hitting his tee shot out of bounds on the 18th and when he came lying four in the fringe, his lead seemed certain to disappear. But Watson using a putter from off the green, rolled in a wide-breaking putt of some 45 feet. "It broke about 12 feet," he said. It saved a bogey and finished off a 66.

It was the second time in the round the

current British Open champion had holed from off the putting surface. Watson chipped in from about 90 feet for birdie on the second hole.

"I was staring bogey in the face on No. 2 and made birdie. I was staring a seven in the face on the 18th and made bogey. That's a four-shot swing," Watson said.

Those two big recoveries and Bean's scoring heroics put the co-leaders almost out of sight of the rest of the field.

Don Pooley, with a career-best 63, and Mark O'Meara were the closest at 135, five strokes back. O'Meara had a second-round 68. Curtis Strange, Tom Purtzer, Charles Coody and Rod Nuckolls were the only other men within eight shots of the runaway leaders.

## We have come to play, Alan Smith says

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Feb. 28 (R) — England's Test cricket team, involved in a row over a player's links with South Africa, arrived in Barbados Friday night as three Caribbean cabinets held emergency sessions to decide whether their tour of the West Indies could continue.

The England side left Guyana prematurely Friday after the government there served a deportation order on bowler Robin Jackson, objecting to his record of having played and coached in South Africa, England's second Test match against the West Indies had been due to begin in Georgetown Saturday.

England manager Alan Smith said on arrival: "We regard the Guyana affair as an isolated incident which should have no effect on the remainder of the tour. We have come here to play cricket and that's our main concern." Smith said morale in the team remained high despite the Guyana incident.

He hoped other Caribbean government would allow the series to continue.

Barbados has still not decide whether England should be allowed to play here. The third Test is due to start on March 13 and there is a fixture against an Island side on March 7.

Cabinet ministers in all three remaining Test venues, Barbados, Antigua and Jamaica, held emergency meetings Friday and informed sources here said attempts were being made to arrange a foreign ministers meeting for Saturday.

In Antigua, opposition leader Tim Hector, a former member of the West Indies Cricket Board of Control, described Guyana's stand against Jackson as "grandstanding and posutting of the worst kind." Hector noted that several other members of the England side, including Geoff Boycott, David Gower and David Bairstow, had played cricket in South Africa. He said they were all entitled to

do what they pleased as private citizens.

Barbados Foreign Minister Henry Forde told the Caribbean news Friday night: "We have been in consultation with other Caribbean and Commonwealth partners. We are not rushing into a decision. The English team are not scheduled to play here until late next week."

Meanwhile, in London, the British government attempted to save the tour with instructions to Britain's diplomats in the Caribbean to do everything they could to cool the row.

The foreign office message went to all the high commissioners at the remaining stages of the tour: John Drinkall for Jamaica, Stanley Nthur for Barbados and Sir Michael Posen for Antigua. Each has been instructed to try to prevent a repeat of the fiasco in Guyana.

## BRIEFS

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, (AFP) — Gene Mayer of America beat his compatriot Peter Fleming 6-4, 6-0 in a baseline game in the quarterfinals of the Memphis Tennis Tournament here Friday night. He meets Yannick Noah of France in the semi-finals. Noah beat Fritz Buehig of America 6-2, 6-7, 6-3.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Controversial calls helped Bettina Bunge emerge with a 7-5, 4-6, 6-2 victory over Wendy Turnbull in the quarterfinals of the \$125,000 Avon Tennis Championships Friday night.

CITY OF INDUSTRY, California (AP) — Sally Little, scoring well despite having some trouble with her putting, broke out of the pack to take a one-stroke lead with a 2-under-par 71 in Friday's second round of the \$150,000 Olympic Gold Classic. Little, seeking her second Ladies Professional Golf Association victory of the year, stood at 4-under-par after her second consecutive 71 over the 5,978-yard, par 73 Eisenhower course at Industry Hills.

WEST GERMANY, (AFP) — The World Ski-Flying Championships opened officially here Friday and Finland's Jari Puukonen took the lead. After three jumps,

the best two counting, Puukonen, 21, had 410.5 points ahead of Austria's Amin Kogler (356.0 pts).

HANOVER, West Germany, (AFP) — Last year's winners Australians Danny Clark and Don Allan were in second place after two days of the six-day cycling race here. Roman Hermann of Liechtenstein and Horst Schuetz of West Germany led with 113 points.

PARIS, (AP) — Poland and Czechoslovakia both posted victories Friday night in the fifth round of Group 'B' World Handball matches to finish first in their respective pools and secure a position in the championship match Sunday in Paris. Poland staged a 25-16 win over Ireland to lead the pool 'A' with 10 points. Czechoslovakia downed Bulgaria 22-17 to head the pool 'B', also with 10 points, both teams are undefeated.

NEW ZEALAND, (AP) — Indian spin shattered the Otago batting on the first day of their match at Carisbrook, Dunedin, Saturday. Azad Kiri took six wickets for

50 runs and Ravi Shastri two for 70 and Yograj Singh two for 24. Only Bruce Blair (65), John Bracewell (35) and Ian Rutherford (31) looked at home against the Indian bowling. They scored 187.

JACA, Spain, (AFP) — Canada is heading towards victory in the final of the World Student Winter Games Ice Hockey competition after overcoming Japan Friday night 7-3 in a match considered to be effective the final.

SAHIWAL, Pakistan, (AFP) — The visiting Australian under-19 cricketers scored their maiden tour victory with a comfortable 87 run success over Combined Pakistan XI in the two-day limited 85 overs fixture at local stadium here Friday. The match ended at stroke of lunch when pacer Howland had Sarwar Saleem caught behind by Tom Birchall as the local team was bundled out for meagre 120 in 67 overs in reply to visitors 207 runs.

MADRID, (AP) — The Soviet Union won four gold medals and Spain one in the World Junior Sambo Wrestling Championships here Friday.



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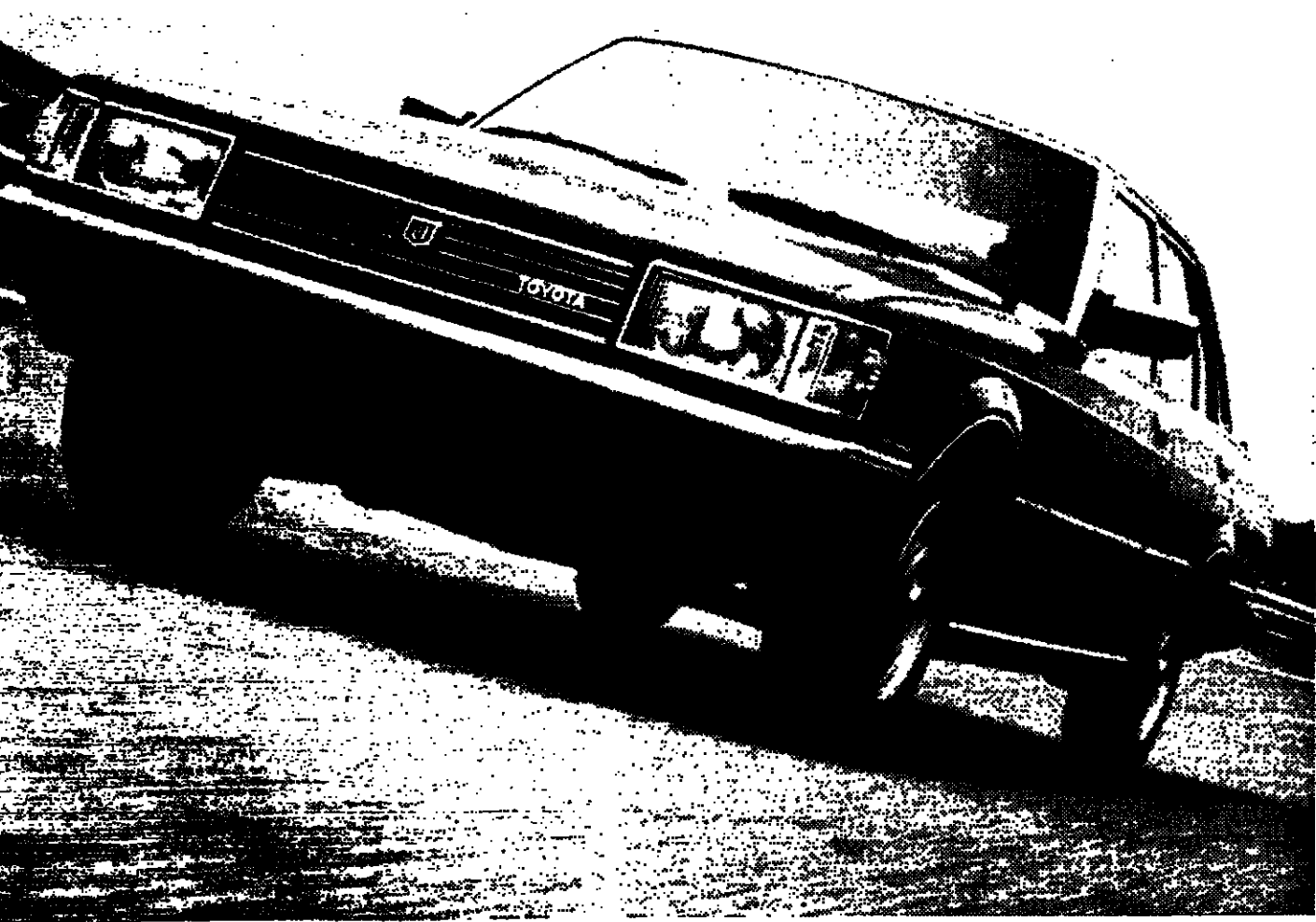
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## In January

## U.S. trade deficit mounts to \$5 billion

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP) — The United States trade deficit rose to \$5.44 billion in January, the highest in nearly a year, with imports of oil, autos and a wide range of other items increasing, the U.S. Commerce Department has reported.

Total merchandise imports rose 8.5 per cent over December's figure to \$24.26 billion in January, while exports slipped 2.2 per cent to \$18.82 billion, the report said.

The deficit was the largest since the record \$5.96 billion reported in February 1980.

December's deficit, originally reported at just under \$3 billion, was revised Thursday to \$3.1 billion. The revision took into account previously excluded imports of oil into the Virgin Islands, which also were included in Friday's January figures.

## Reagan approves more budget cuts

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (R) — President Reagan has approved several billion dollars in further budget cuts to keep proposed government spending at \$695.5 billion in the 1982 financial year, the White House has said. Details of the spending cuts were not disclosed.

When Reagan presented a sweeping economic program to Congress last week, he proposed to cut planned spending by \$41.4 billion dollars.

But administration officials have since revised their sums, saying that the plans left behind by the Carter administration would have been even more expensive than they had first thought, and further cuts were needed to keep the budget to \$695.5 billion.

Meanwhile, more than 150 U.S. organizations, led by the huge Afl-Cio Union Federation, said Friday they were joining forces to oppose Reagan's planned spending cuts.

The organizations, most of which traditionally back the Democratic Party, said in a new conference that while they support measures to slow inflation, the huge budget slashes proposed by the Reagan administration put too great a burden on the nation's most needy citizens.

Afl-Cio president Lane Kirkland said the groups were unanimous in believing that the Reagan budget proposals would not cure America's economic ills, but would, if anything, aggravate them.

Increased imports of energy products and cars accounted for about \$700 million of the \$1.9 billion total import rise in January, and the rest was "spread all over," said commerce spokesman Andrew Cooper.

Department economist David Lund said part of the increase could be due to a strengthening dollar overseas, but he said the figures also would be consistent with a relatively strong economy at home.

In imports, petroleum products rose 6.6 per cent when measured in dollars — to \$7.84 billion — and 3.7 per cent in volume to 7.2 million barrels per day, or nearly a million metric tons.

The value of imported passenger cars — excluding Canadian imports which are mostly from U.S. companies — rose 20 per cent to \$1.3 billion in January, the report said.

Another big import contributor was clothing, which recorded nearly a \$100 million jump to a total of \$636 million.

Overall, petroleum products showed a \$7.6 billion deficit for the month, manufactured goods recorded a \$410 million deficit and agricultural commodities had a surplus of over \$2 billion.

The agricultural surplus and the oil deficit are expected each month, but manufactured goods had shown a surplus of nearly \$1 billion in December.

Contributing to the manufacturing deficit were increased imports of products from silver and diamonds to newspaper and radios to toys, games and machinery, the report said.

## Italy increases price of petroleum products

ROME, Feb. 28 (AP) — The Italian government has raised the price of gasoline and other oil products by 20 lira a liter (eight cents a gallon) because of the dollar's sharp rise on foreign exchange markets.

The cabinet's committee on prices raised the price of premium gasoline from 850 lira a liter (\$3.40 a gallon) to 870 lira a liter (\$3.48 a gallon).

Italy must pay dollars for the petroleum it imports, so a jump in the dollar automatically raises the cost of oil products in Italy.

Regular gasoline rose from 815 lira a liter (\$3.26 a gallon) to 835 lira (\$3.34). Diesel oil went from 350 lira a liter (\$1.40 a gallon) to 370 lira (\$1.48).



DEVELOPMENT LOAN: An agreement for a \$200 million loan was signed Thursday by ISVEIMER, the Institute for the Economic Development of Southern Italy, and a group of banks. Shaking hands after the signing are Prof. Ferdinando Ventriglia (left), chairman of ISVEIMER, and Stewart Roberts, (right), senior director of S.G. Warburg & Co. who are merchant bankers for the syndicate of banks.

## Wall Street

## Dow Jones average up as market recovers

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (AP) — After taking a slight spill in the first month of 1981, the stock market spent February repairing some of the damage.

At the close on Friday, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials actually showed a slight gain since the new year. Other, broader indicators remained on the minus side for the year to date, but most of them were well above their January lows.

Much of the recovery came in the past week, with the Dow Jones industrials climbing 38.49 to 974.58 for its best weekly showing of the year. After falling 16.84 in January, the average closed out February with an advance of 27.31 points.

Other readings for the week showed the New York stock exchange composite index up 2.68 at 75.13, and the American stock exchange market value index 8.60 higher at 338.94.

Big board volume averaged 48.55 million shares a day, up from 40.47 million the week before.

Thursday and Friday's sessions were the busiest since early January. But while the market was showing some stirrings of life, there was still abundant evidence of a cautious mood among investors.

A heavy flow of money continued into the money-market mutual funds, which some investors use as a "parking place" for their assets when they are unsure what else to do with them.

As of Feb. 20, Investor's Intelligence Reports, almost half of the leading investment advisory services were bearish on the market, while only 27 per cent were clear-cut bulls. "These percentages are not indicative of a bear market," the firm concluded. "There are too many bears around and their number has been increasing."

Another contrary-opinion signal that caught the eye of the editors at *Market Logic*, a Florida market letter, is the current presence of two books forecasting economic disaster on the best-seller lists — Douglas Casey's *crisis investing and the coming car-*

*rency collapse*, by Jerome Smith.

*Market Logic* noted that the two predict opposite calamities — Casey a depression, Smith runaway inflation. "However," the letter observed, "Both foresee a complete collapse of the economic system as we know it today."

Assets of the money funds have soared by almost \$20 billion, to more than \$95 billion, in the past eight weeks.

At the same time, there is widespread confusion about the course the U.S. economy is taking. Those who are looking for signs of a slowing economy can find them in such things as relatively slack demand for credit and the index of leading economic indicators, which has declined for two consecutive months.

But there are many other economy-watchers who argue that the pace of activity remains strong. Economists at New York's Chemical Bank recently estimated that the U.S. gross national product, after adjustment for inflation, will show an increase of at least two per cent for the first quarter of the year.

Short-term interest rates have been coming down, but credit experts are in great disagreement over whether the decline will continue much longer. One prominent figure in the pessimistic camp, Henry Kaufman at Solomon Brothers, repeated the other day his contention that the prime rate will climb above its record high of 21.5 per cent before the year is out.

## BRIEFS

PARIS, (AFP) — Several banks forming the credit industrial and commercial group raised their base interest rate by 0.75 per cent to 13 per cent starting Monday. Earlier reliable sources said that French banks were expected to raise their rates because of international market trends and particularly the rise in German rates.

LONDON, (AFP) — A \$2 billion loan which Italy intended to float on the Euro-currency markets to meet the cost of dealing with damage caused by the November earthquake in southern Italy will probably be halved because it has been undersubscribed. *The Financial Times* paper has reported here.

LONDON, (AFP) — Japanese Komatsu has booked a \$15 million order from Algeria for 242 bulldozers and other earthmoving equipment. The deal was signed at a building show in Birmingham England. This equipment will be used by government organization and local authorities under a soil improvement program.

ROME, (AFP) — Italian motorcycle manufacturer Piaggio said it has no plans to link up with Japanese Honda to produce two-wheelers. Piaggio's management issued the denial at a meeting with trade union officials. It was the second such denial this year.

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — Potential natural gas reserves in the U.S. are bigger than had been thought, the U.S. Geological Survey which is a federal agency has reported. The reserves are put at 16,820,000 million cubic meter.

PARIS, (AFP) — Renault will shortly start producing a new car, at present coded as 142, that should sell well in the United States and other countries, it was announced at Douai in northern France where the vehicle will be made.

LONDON, (AFP) — Ford motor group plans to cut back its West European output, and the European market will in future get its cars from Ford in Brazil, the *Guardian* newspaper, has said.

## Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Directorate General of Municipal and Rural Affairs, Western Province	Temporary asphalt in Hanakiah	19/3	300	March 16
" " "	Fencing of graveyard in Al-Bijl	20/M	150	March 7
" " "	Construction of a municipality building with garage and storehouse in Al-Latifi	21/M	400	March 21
" " "	Temporary asphalt of roads in Raniah	22/M	500	March 22
Municipality of Dammam	Construction of sunshades and other public services at the Half Moon Beach	—	2000	March 15
Municipality of Al-Khobar	Operation and maintenance of lights in Al-Khobar	—	2000	March 17

## PORTS AUTHORITY

## JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT

## SHIPS MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON 28TH FEBRUARY, 1981 24TH R-THANI, 1401

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival Date
4.	Tabuk	Kanoo	Rice/Steel/Pipes/Gen.	27.2.81
5.	Alaska II	O.C.E.	Reefer	27.2.81
7.	Anrita	Kanoo	Flour/Rice/Oil	26.2.81
10.	Saudi Trader	O.Trade	Rebar/Contra/Gen.	23.2.81
11.	Norfolk	Anso	Vehicles	27.2.81
15.	Zako Pane	Attar	Milk Powder/H.Vehs.	26.2.81
20.	Davao	O.C.E.	Reefer	26.2.81
21.	Penny 'S'	El Hawi	General	27.2.81
22.	Eastern Saga	Algezrah	Gen/Structural Steel	27.2.81
23.	scirocco Universal	Star	Reefer	22.2.81
26.	Dory	Dura	Dura	25.2.81
35.	Hellenic Innovator	Alpha	Containers	27.2.81
38.	Alasca	O.C.E.	Reefer	26.2.81
40.	Askoe	O.C.E.	Reefer	27.2.81
41.	Med Frezer	O.C.E.	Reefer	23.2.81
Ro Ro	Mercato Arabia	A.E.T.	Ro Ro Units/Contra.	27.2.81
	Jolly Argento	Abdallah	Ro Ro Units/Contra.	27.2.81
	Read	S.M.A.	Ro Ro Units/Gen.	27.2.81

## RECENT ARRIVALS:

Jolly Argento	Abdallah	Ro Ro Units/Contra.	27.2.81
Ibn Al Afani	Kanoo	Containers	"
Tabuk	Kanoo	Rice/Steel/Pipes/General	"
Read	S.M.A.	Ro Ro Units/Gen.	"
Alaska II	O.C.E.	Reefer	"
Eastern Saga	Algezrah	Gen/Struc. Steel	"
Luberon	S.F.T.	Ro Ro Units	"
Zako Pane	Attar	Milk Powder/H.Vehicles	"
Rungholsand	El Hawi	Reefer	"
Penny 'S'	El Hawi	General	"
Askoe	O.C.E.	Reefer	"
Norfolk	Anso	Vehicles	"
Glacier Verde	El Hawi	Reefer	"
Stamatios	O.C.E.	Bagged Barley	28.2.81
G. Embiricos			

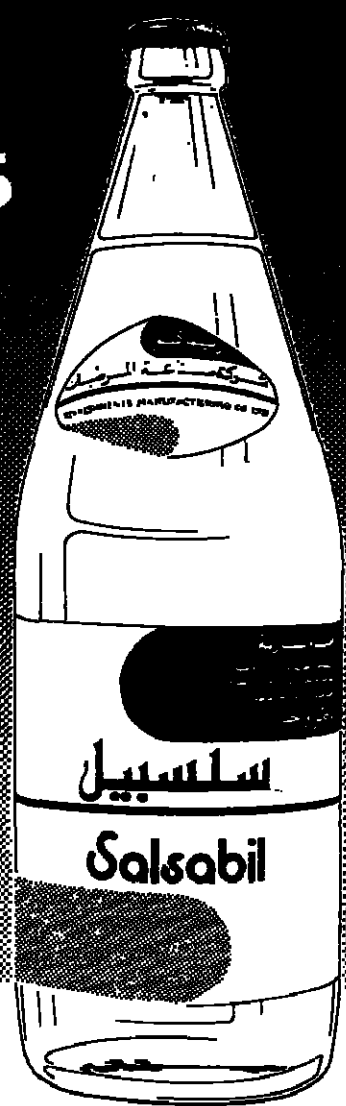
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## SHIPS MOVEMENT UPTO 0700 HOURS ON 24.2.1401/28.2.1981 CHANGES PAST 28 HRS.

1.	Mount Olympus	Gulf	Bulk Barley	7.2.81
2.	Sea Triumph	USP	Loading Scrap	17.2.81
3.	Palm Trader	Barber	Steel/Gen/Onions	22.2.81
7.	Eastern Maid	UEP	General	27.2.81
9.	Robin Hood	UEP	Rice/Barley/Gen.	27.2.81
11.	Han Garam	O.C.E.	General	26.2.81
12.	Kota Jaya	Alfiza	Rice	25.2.81
13.	Han Cheong	OCE	Gen/Cement	27.2.81
16.	Ching Merchant	OCE	Bagged Cement	27.2.81
18.	Andre Merzario	AET	Containers	28.2.81
27.	Ydra	Gosaibi	Bagged Sugar	22.2.81
30.	Safina-e-Abid	SCSA	Livestock/Gen.	22.2.81
31.	Ping Chau	UEP	General	22.2.81
35.	Ibn Shuhaid	Kanoo	General	25.2.81
36.	Pesara Flag	SMC	Cement Silo VSL	1.4.81

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## Chrysler incurs \$1.7b loss in 1980

DETROIT, Feb. 28 (R) — Chrysler Corporation reported a loss of \$1.71 billion for 1980 — the biggest in the history of U.S. industry — but received new loan guarantees from the government to keep afloat.

Chrysler's record loss, added to those of the other three major U.S. car makers, produced an unprecedented \$4.17 billion in total industry deficits last year. The biggest corporate loss ever was British Steel Corporation's \$4.23 billion in the fiscal year ended March 30, 1980.

Second-ranked Ford Motor Company last week announced a \$1.5 billion loss, which stood as the largest by any U.S. company until Chrysler reported Friday just after the Federal Loan Guarantee Board headed by Treasury Secretary Donald Regan voted unanimously to extend the number three car maker an additional \$400 million in loan guarantees.

Chrysler promptly sold \$400 million in government-backed 10-year notes, priced to field 15.31 per cent.

Regan later gave the company a vote of confidence saying: "I think that Chrysler's prospects are reasonably good." But he made clear further federal aid might be hard to come by and added that Chrysler should consider a merger to survive.

"We will have to pause if the Chrysler Corporation ever comes back...to study the situation a lot more closely," Regan told reporters in Washington. "We're hoping this is the last transfusion they will need."

Chrysler chairman Lee Iacocca said Friday in a letter to shareholders he expected the company to survive on its own.

Nevertheless, he said Chrysler was investigating the possibilities of finding new capital, including mergers and joint ventures.

Chrysler had already received \$800 million of \$1.5 billion in loan guarantees authorized by Congress in 1979.

To get the additional 400 million, it had to convince its lenders, suppliers and workers to make \$1.2 billion worth of concessions over the next two years.

## Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Wednesday	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	8.45	8.89	
Belgian Franc (1,000)	97.00	112.00	
Canadian Dollar	2.79	—	
Deutsche Mark (100)	157.00	159.10	159.10
Dutch Guilder (100)	144.00	—	146.75
Egyptian Pound	—	4.16	4.33
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	90.75	90.75
French Franc (100)	67.00	69.00	68.10
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	—	69.15
Indian Rupee (100)	—	40.30	40.15
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	8.35	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	33.00	33.40	33.20
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.10	16.15	16.18
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.50	10.47
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.23	12.21
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	84.75	85.00
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	72.00	70.25
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	33.30	33.84
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	43.95
Pound Sterling	7.49	7.54	7.46
Qatari Rial (100)	—	92.00	91.90
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	159.15
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	—	39.44
Swiss Franc (100)	176.00	160.00	175.75
Syrian Lira (100)	—	57.00	85.85
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	—
U.S. Dollar	3.34	3.346	3.341
Yemeni Rial (100)	—	73.22	73.20
Gold kg.	—	54,500.00	—
10 Tolas bar	—	6,333.00	—
Ounce	—	1,740.00	—

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مكتبة

Brezhnev-Karmal talks  
Political settlement  
on Afghan issue urged

MOSCOW, Feb. 28 (Agencies) — Presidents Leonid Brezhnev of the Soviet Union and Babrak Karmal of Afghanistan have reaffirmed readiness for a settlement of the Afghan issue on the basis of an international quid-pro-quo.

According to Tass, the two leaders met here Friday and expressed "their firm determination to contribute to a political settlement of the situation concerning Afghanistan on the basis of the Afghan declaration of May 14, 1980, and the Soviet-Afghan declaration of Oct. 16, 1980."

The two declarations stipulate that "a stop to foreign aggressions and the recognition of Karmal's government by Afghanistan's neighbor countries should precede a pullback of Soviet forces from that country."

The Afghan-Soviet justification for the Soviet military presence in Afghanistan has been the alleged threat to its sovereignty by outside forces. The meeting between the two presidents, in which Moscow's top specialist in

On European peace plan  
Carrington allays U.S. fears

COLUMBIA, South Carolina, Feb. 28 (R) — British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington said Saturday European diplomatic efforts in the Middle East were intended to complement the U.S.-sponsored Camp David peace process, not compete with it.

Noting fear in the United States that the emergence of a European policy could cut across U.S. interests, Carrington denied that the intention was to undermine the 1978 Camp David between Egypt and Israel.

"Nor do I believe that it will be the outcome of our efforts which we see as complementary to yours," he said in a speech at the University of South Carolina. Carrington, visiting the United States with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, said: "The

Peacekeeping force in Sinai  
U.S. official to hold talks in Cairo

CAIRO, Feb. 28 (R) — U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Michael Stermen has arrived in Cairo from Israel for talks on setting up a multi-national peacekeeping force in Sinai, airport officials said. In their 1979 peace treaty, Egypt and Israel agreed to set up a force to patrol the peninsula after Israel's final withdrawal in April next year.

Diplomatic sources said Egypt, had already approached Australia, Ghana, Nepal and Argentina as possible contributors to the force. Egyptian President Anwar Sadat last

international party relations Boris Ponomarev, took part, was described as "cordial and fraternal." Karmal is here for the current Soviet Communist Party Congress.

Brezhnev and Karmal discussed ways to deepen "all-round Soviet-Afghan cooperation," Tass said. They also expressed "firm resolve" to uphold Afghan independence and sovereignty. Western reports say at least 90,000 Soviet troops are battling Muslim freedom fighters in Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, an international tribunal similar to that which condemned U.S. involvement in Vietnam, will be held in Stockholm early in May to examine the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

In another development, the Afghanistan government has decided to set up diplomatic missions in Angola, Syria and Mozambique, and will open a new consulate in the Soviet city of Tashkent, diplomatic sources said in New Delhi Friday.

Doctors go  
on strike  
in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 28 (AP) — A number of Pakistani hospitals began accepting only emergency cases Friday after a large union of government doctors called an indefinite strike to protest the arrest of 21 members, including its president. A senior physician at the Islamabad Polytechnic, the main hospital in the capital, confirmed that all members of the Pakistan doctors' organization — about 80 per cent of the professional staff — had walked out.

Meanwhile, universities and colleges remained closed following student clashes Friday that left one person dead and eight injured.

Libya wants 3-nation  
talks on Chad issue

ADDIS ABABA, Feb. 28 (R) — Libya believes it has defused African criticism of its military presence in Chad and wants to arrange a three-nation summit to discuss the subject. Foreign Minister Abdul Ati Obeidi has said. The proposed meeting in the Chad capital of N'djamena would be attended by heads of state from Chad, Libya and Nigeria, which had been one of the most vocal critics of the Libyan military intervention and a proposed merger of the two countries, he told reporters Friday.

Obeidi said: "Nigeria is no longer taking such a hostile attitude. We find they are more positive." The Chad issue had been expected to dominate the current Organization of African Unity (OAU) council of ministers meeting here, but so far there has only been one brief, but heated, exchange on the subject.

BRIEFS

VIENNA, (AP) — Lebanon's Defense Minister Joseph Skaff, during a state visit here last week, expressed interest in purchasing a wide array of Austrian armaments, a major Vienna daily *Kurier* said Friday.

MANAMA, (AP) — The ruler of Bahrain received a French parliamentary delegation Friday and discussed Arab and international issues with it, it was reported by the official Gulf News Agency.

TEL AVIV, (R) — The Israeli army ordered an investigation Friday into the death of a Bedouin woman shot by a soldier during a military exercise in the Negev Desert, the army announced.

DAR-ES-SALAAM, (AP) — Ugandan President Milton Obote made a surprise visit to Tanzania Friday for consultations with Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere.

PARIS, (AFP) — French experts will visit Cairo next week to discuss details of a nuclear plant with a power of 2,000 megawatts, which France is to supply to Egypt, the foreign ministry said here Friday.

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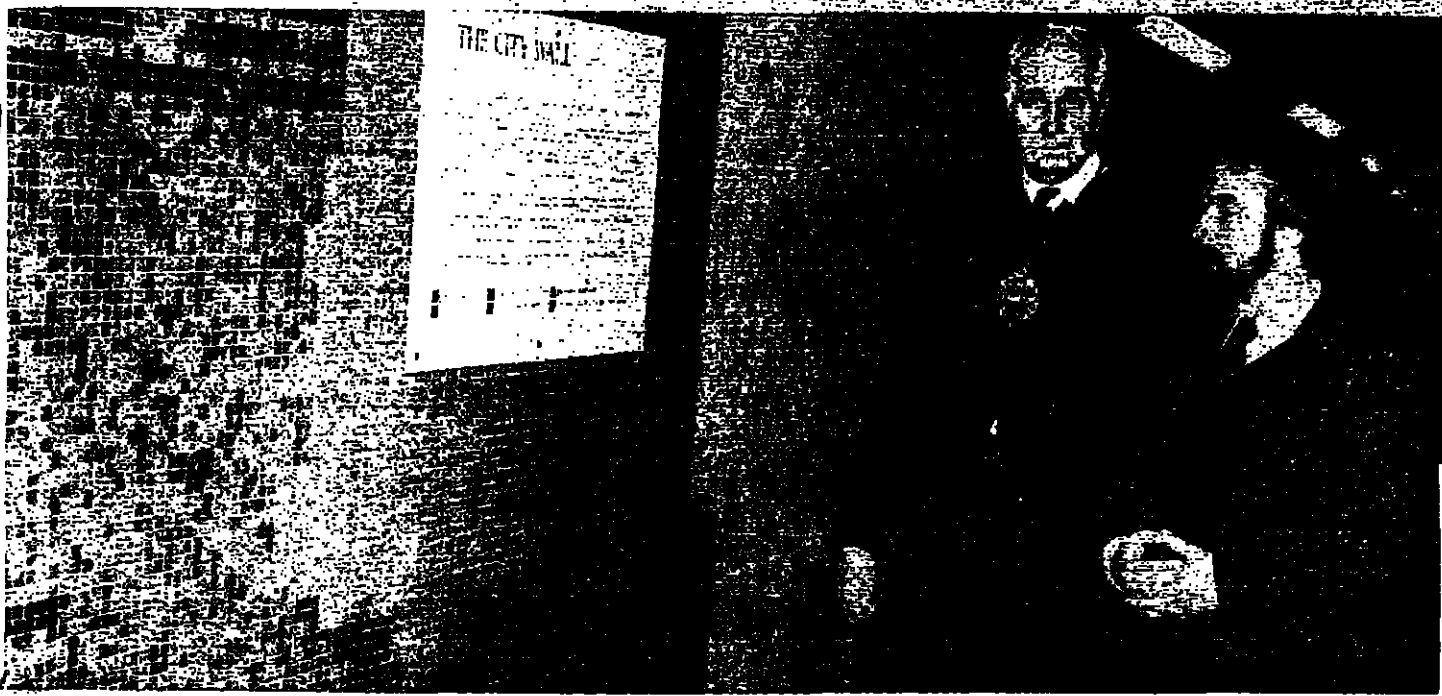
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**ON A CITY WALL:** The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Ronald Gardner-Thorpe unveils a plaque in London's west pedestrian sub-way beneath Aldgate Fish Street, E 12. The Plaque describes the adjacent mural in the form of a mosaic outlines a section of the Roman London Wall, originally 1 foot below street level.



**FIRST SHAVE:** This is the shave that young John Sears will never forget — it is his first. In this instance the barber is his brother George, who performs the delicate operation with their father's razor. The masculine act is considered one giant step into manhood.



**SLEIGH RACE:** An Austrian family dressed up with old traditional costumes sit on an old wooden sleigh drawn by a horse as they take part in an annual held traditional sleigh race over the frozen Lake Zell in Austria. The colorful tradition again attracted thousands of visitors and spectators.



**OSCAR NOMINATIONS:** Having escaped from the sadistic circus owner who has exhibited him as a sideshow freak, John Hurt arrives at London's Liverpool Street Station in the motion picture *The Elephant Man*, a Brookside Production released by Paramount pictures. *The Elephant Man* scored eight nominations last week to tie for the lead in the 53rd annual Oscar race.



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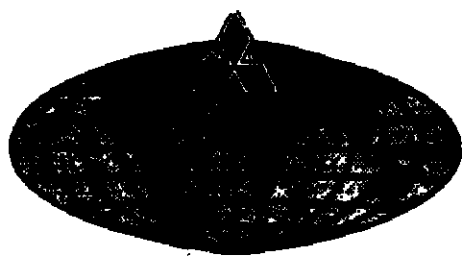
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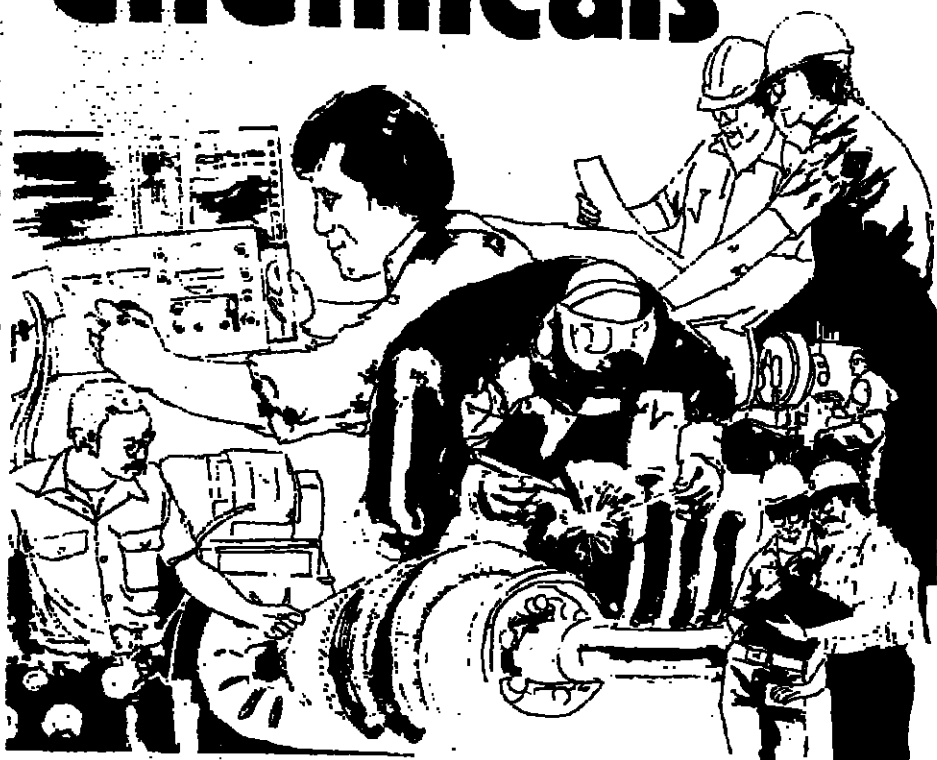


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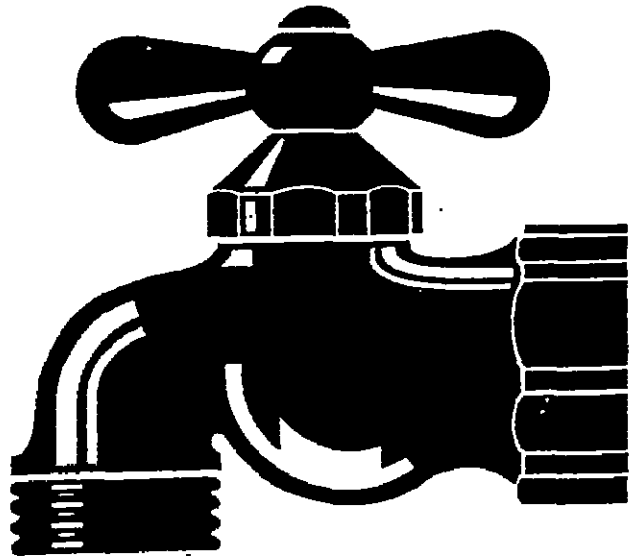
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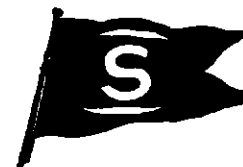
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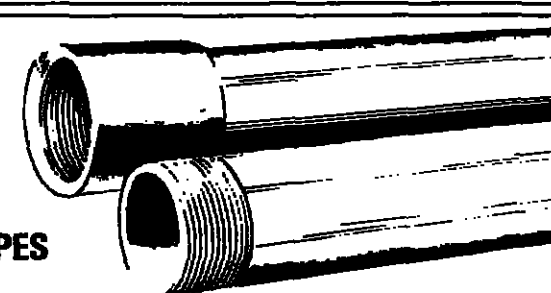
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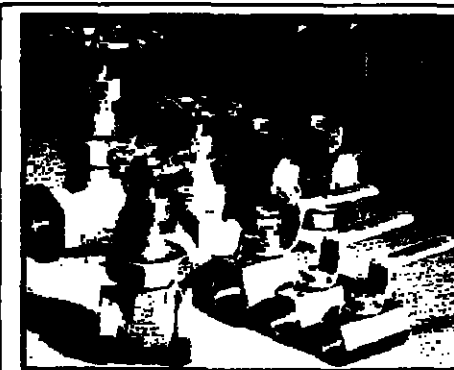
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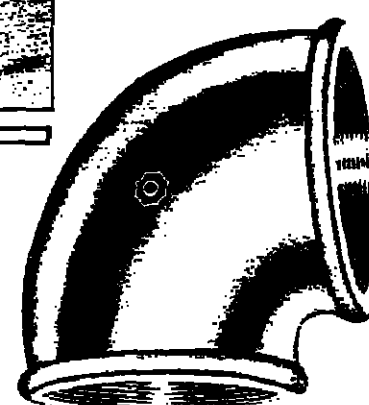
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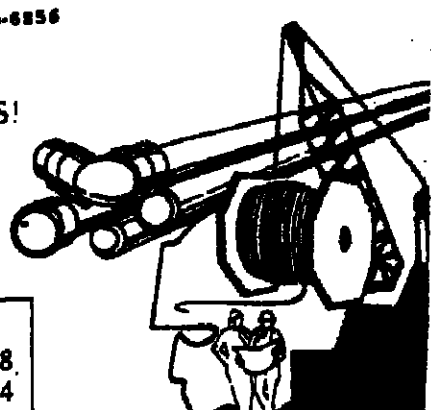


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## Aid to Salvador leftists

# Haig warns Havana over arms

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (Agencies) — Secretary of State Alexander Haig has warned Cuba that the United States intends to "deal with" Communist arms shipments to leftist guerrillas in El Salvador.

"I think we have made it very clear from the outset that this is a problem emanating, first and foremost from Cuba, and it is our intention to deal with this matter at its source," the former army general told reporters Friday. Cuban activity, he said, had "reached a peak that is no longer acceptable in this hemisphere, whether it be in El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala or any of our other sovereign republics."

He said that Cuba might be planning more major arms shipments to Salvadoran guerrillas. "All of this is being very carefully watched. Earlier this week Haig published documents which he said proved the Communist source of arms reaching the El Salvador rebels."

Haig did not say how the United States would block the arms shipments, which State Department officials said included 200 tons which had already reached El Salvador via Nicaragua. 200 tons being shipped through the Caribbean and 400 tons waiting in Cuba and Nicaragua.

Haig also accused Nicaragua of exporting



Secretary of State Alexander Haig terrorism by helping the flow of arms, and raised the possibility that the United States might halt aid to Nicaragua. "We are making appropriate adjustments," he said, in case it became necessary to stop the aid.

Nicaragua had been warned that continued

aid would be subject to its adherence to U.S. law prohibiting assistance to countries "involved in exporting terrorism and the support of aggression abroad," he said. U.S. economic assistance to Nicaragua this year amounted to \$75 million, most of which has already been sent.

But a State Department spokesman said \$15 million of aid was being temporarily withheld pending a study of the arms shipment allegations. Haig also said the administration was deciding whether to send additional teams of technicians, as opposed to combat advisers, to help the Salvadoran armed forces.

Senate majority leader Howard Baker, a Tennessee Republican, has come out for sending 150 advisers. Haig however, would only say that the exact number had not been decided.

In a related development, the Reagan administration is about to name a new ambassador to El Salvador, the fifth career diplomat to head the U.S. embassy in that troubled country in a little more than a year. The administration is expected to name Deane Hinton, a former ambassador to Zaire, to replace Frederick Chapin, who has been in charge of the embassy on an interim basis for the past three weeks.

In San Salvador, government troops Friday took complete control of the central town of San Lorenzo after three days of fierce battles with leftist guerrillas, a military spokesman said. At least 60 bodies of suspected guerrillas were burnt by troops Thursday night in the town. One soldier was killed and four wounded, he said.

"The battles have stopped in this zone and government troops have begun searching surrounding areas," he said. The region has been the scene of widespread guerrilla activity in recent days with many vehicles on the nearby pan-American highway being stopped and "war taxes" demanded from the occupants.

Meanwhile, Soviet television Friday accused Washington of plotting a U.S. military intervention in El Salvador and said nearly 800 American troops have reportedly entered the strife-torn country.

"Latest reports show that in spite of numerous protests, Washington continues preparations for military intrusion into El Salvador," commentator Boris Kalayagin said in the early evening news program.

## 3 policemen hurt

# West Germans protest against nuclear station

KIEL, West Germany, Feb. 28 (AFP) — Three policemen were hurt, one of them seriously, in clashes early Saturday with about 1,000 anti-nuclear demonstrators converging on a nuclear power station construction site at Brokdorf on the Elbe estuary. Tens of thousands of demonstrators were reported heading for the site despite a local court ruling Friday night banning a protest expected to attract between 50,000 and 100,000 people.

The early clashes came at a police road block at Itzehoe about 10 kms from the site. At least 10,000 police from all over the country had been drafted into the region, and road blocks set up to try to persuade demonstrators to keep away though massive traffic jams blocked access roads.

Petrol bombs, clubs, axes and iron bars had been found in a number of cars, police said. Though most of the demonstrators — called out by ecologists, young socialists, young free democrats and the "green" parties — planned to protest peacefully, authorities feared certain elements could attempt to cause trouble.

The local court Friday night upheld a mun-

icipal decision banning the protest after the Schleswig-Holstein state government partially lifted the prohibition. A state government spokesman expressed fears for security after the total ban, as many protesters had already set out for the area.

At Brokdorf, the foundation stone for a 1,300-megawatt reactor was laid Thursday. Floodlights played on barbed wire fences and water cannon protected the barren building site.

Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, speaking at a dinner in Hamburg Friday night, appealed for tolerance and rationality in the debate over West Germany's energy supplies. He said Brokdorf should not be turned into an ideological battle zone.

## Speculation revives on Charles

LONDON, Feb. 28 (AP) — Prince Charles' engagement to Lady Diana Spencer has revived speculation about when the 32-year-old royal heir will succeed his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, as monarch. The 54-year-old queen, who has reigned for nearly 28 years, is in good health and so far has given no indication she plans to step aside to let Charles ascend the 1,000-year-old British throne.

But, after a decade of delegating more and more royal duties to him, the queen is not expected to follow the example of her great-grandmother, Queen Victoria, who kept her son Edward fretfully languishing as heir until she died, aged 81, in 1901. Edward had to kick his heels until he was 59 before he became King Edward VII. He reigned for only nine years before he also died.

The Times of London noted in an editorial that Charles faces "the prospect of many more years as heir apparent." But he is also expected to take over many strenuous duties from his mother, such as lengthy royal tours abroad and entertaining state visitors.

Charles became direct heir to the throne when he was three years old and his mother became queen on the death of her father, George VI, Feb. 6, 1952. His mother was 25 then. The prince has been groomed since childhood to be a modern king, a man in tune with his people. He seems to be in no hurry to assume the throne and said in a recent interview that he was "not much conscious of being a monarch-to-be, more of being a Prince of Wales-as-is."

But he is a confirmed monarchist despite his high-spirited temperament and his ability to stay in tune with a rapidly changing Britain.



BEFORE COLLAPSE: Britain's Prince Charles riding his race-horse Allibar toward his rendezvous with Lady Diana Spencer on the Berkshire Downs Wednesday after her return from her Australian holiday. But as he dismounted and walked the animal home it collapsed and died of a heart attack. The prince later flew by helicopter to carry out a planned engagement in Swansea. Diana's engagement ring — a large oval sapphire surrounded by 14 diamonds set in white gold — cost Charles \$63,270.

## Australia to rescue stranded passengers

CANBERRA, Feb. 28 (AFP) — A fleet of Royal Australian Air Force C-130 Hercules transport planes were Saturday night put on stand-by to run a shuttle service to New Zealand to rescue passengers stranded by the dispute affecting Qantas, the Australian national airline. Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser ordered the operation after an emergency cabinet meeting here. He later telephoned his New Zealand counterpart Robert Muldoon seeking his cooperation.

A defense department spokesman here said up to 10 Hercules could be mobilized, flying probably from the RAAF base at Richmond, near Sydney, to the Royal New Zealand Air Force base at Whenuapai, near Auckland. Latest figures show that about 4,000 persons are stranded in New Zealand, mostly in Auckland on the north island, trying to get to Australia, and about 2,000 passengers are stuck in Sydney wanting to get to New Zealand. Each Hercules is expected to carry about 80 passengers and the shuttles will continue until all the stranded passengers have been picked up.

The Australian prime minister said the shuttle service was designed to relieve the hardship of stranded passengers and he hoped for the support of everyone, including the trade union movement. Private talks between the unions and Qantas have been adjourned until Monday, although it is reported they are working toward a formula for negotiation. The dispute is over the use of staff labor or Qantas to maintain operations during a strike by ground staff.

# Polish premier pledges to protect alliance with Moscow

MOSCOW, Feb. 28 (Agencies) — Poland's new Prime Minister Wojciech Jaruzelski has promised the Kremlin his country will remain true to its alliance with Moscow and stay a "loyal and reliable" member of the Warsaw Pact.

In a message to Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhonov, reported by Tass news agency, Jaruzelski said his government, guided by Poland's vital interests, would make every effort to protect the lasting values of the Soviet-Polish alliance. His telegram to the Soviet leaders was in reply to their message of congratulations on his appointment earlier this month.

Jaruzelski promised his government would

systematically develop friendship and cooperation with the Soviet Union, and make a vigorous contribution to the cohesion of the Soviet bloc and the consolidation of the Warsaw Pact. The Polish leadership would consistently rely on the principles of Marxism-Leninism and "socialist solidarity," he pledged.

"Socialist solidarity" is a weaker term than the phrase "socialist internationalism," which is used to Moscow to define relations between the Soviet Union and its Warsaw Pact allies. In their message to Jaruzelski the Soviet leaders used the stronger of the two phrases.

Brezhnev has held friendly meetings with the leaders of Ethiopia and Angola who are

guests at the 26th Soviet Communist Party Congress in Moscow, Tass said Friday. Brezhnev's talks with Ethiopia's Mengistu Haile Mariam and President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos of Angola took place Thursday in a "warm and comradely atmosphere," the official Soviet news agency reported.

Brezhnev and Mengistu said that strengthening peace, deepening detente and curbing the arms race was the "cause of all countries," Tass said.

Meeting Dos Santos in the Kremlin, Brezhnev noted the "successful consolidation" of friendly ties between Angola and the Soviet Union, Tass said. The Angolan president said the Soviet Party Congress served as an inspiration for "all fighters against imper-

alism and for a happy future for mankind."

Both sides reaffirmed their mutual desire to "further broaden all-around (bilateral) cooperation" and expressed concern over "the attempts of imperialist circles to heat up the international situation," Tass said.

Meanwhile, Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu returned home to Bucharest Friday from the still-continuing Soviet Communist Party congress in Moscow, Romania's official news agency Agerpres said, in Vienna. In Moscow, east European sources said Friday it was not clear whether Ceausescu, the first east European leader reported to have gone home, would return there to join the other Soviet bloc chiefs at the meeting's closing session next Tuesday.



MADRID OVATION: The 350 deputies seized in an abortive coup last week give a standing ovation in gratitude to members of the news media for the cooperation and coverage given. Parliament members then elected Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo as the new prime minister of the country.

## Despite rain and bombs

# 1m Spaniards protest coup attempt

MADRID, Feb. 28 (AP) — More than one million Spaniards shouting "democracy not dictatorship" have turned out in a driving rain to protest an attempt four days earlier by right-wing military men to take over the government of this young democracy. Hundreds of thousands of Spaniards elsewhere across the nation joined in companion protest marches.

Traffic police said Friday 1.2 million demonstrated in the Spanish capital. A statement read outside the parliament building at the end of the mile-long Madrid march demanded prosecution for those "who executed, promoted, helped or covered up" the coup.

"The conspirators tried to destroy the democratic institutions, the peaceful existence of all Spaniards and the constitution approved freely and by a majority," it said. In Barcelona, Spain's second largest city, police reported 220,000 marchers, and in

Valencia, where a Francoist general frightened residents with an army takeover by sending his tanks illegally into the streets, police counted 350,000 demonstrators for democracy.

But massive nationwide demonstration against a military government such as dictator Francisco Franco headed for nearly four decades was tempered by growing signs of widespread complicity in the coup by high military men still having troop commands. The biggest previous demonstration in Spain, according to figures from Franco officials was one million people in 1946 to protest international rejection of Spain's entry into the United Nations.

Four small bombs exploded in Madrid ahead of the march but caused no injuries. Police said the bombs exploded in trash cans near the world-famed Prado Museum along the march route, damaging automobiles but causing no injuries.

An ultra-right organization quickly claimed responsibility for the blast in a telephone call to the Spanish news agency FE. The extremists also set off bombs in Spain's violence-torn northern Basque country and shot and wounded a Basque bar owner.

The violence, however, was overshadowed as hundreds of thousands of Spaniards poured into streets across the nation to protest against the abortive military coup. The eight-hour-old government of centrist premier Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo and top military authorities under orders of King Juan Carlos, meanwhile, pushed ahead with an investigation into the failed coup.

Four top generals, 30 officers and 240 paramilitary civil guardsmen have been arrested in the storming of parliament Monday that kept the members of the lower house and the caretaker government hostage in a vain bid to install a Francoist government.

Led by leaders of parliament who were held hostage during 18 hours, the protesters marched through the capital's streets under a giant banner calling for "liberty, democracy and the constitution."

"I came to defend democracy," said marcher Alfredo Ballester as he moved behind the banner carried by the president of the country's ruling center party, former Civilian Defense Minister Agustin Sahagun, Socialist leader Felipe Gonzalez, and Communist Party head Santiago Carrillo.

All were parliament hostages in the abortive coup. They were joined by Communist union chief Marcelino Camacho and Socialist union head Nicolas Redondo. Madrid traffic police estimated 300,000 persons gathered before the march began 16 minutes late in a heavy rain.

## 3 U.K. missionaries reach London

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Agencies) — The three British missionaries who flew out of Iran Friday after six months in prison on suspicion of spying, arrived here Saturday morning aboard a British Airways plane. Dr. John Coleman, his wife Audrey, and Miss Jean Waddell arrived at London's Heathrow airport at 11:10 a.m. (GMT).

The trio, who left Tehran Friday morning, broke their homeward journey in Athens, spending the night as guests of British Ambassador Ian Sutherland.

The missionaries were accompanied by Terry Waite, sent by the Archbishop of Canterbury, spiritual leader of the world's Anglicans, to seek their release.

"It's absolutely marvellous," said the eldest of the Colemans' four sons. The Colemans and Miss Waddell, who worked in Iran for years, have already said they were well-treated and had no complaints. They were cleared of spying allegations after being arrested last August.

But they left behind them a fourth Briton, businessman Andrew Pyke, 57, detained Aug. 29 as he tried to leave Iran. Prosecutor

general Ali Qodussi has said he will be tried on espionage and embezzlement charges.

The Colemans and missionary clinic in the town of Yazd for two years and before that worked for 13 years in a Christian hospital in Shiraz. Local reporters in Tehran have quoted the prosecutor general as saying the Anglican church in Iran will be closed. The Anglican community there numbers only hundreds.

## Ito to aid Korean talks

TOKYO, Feb. 28 (AFP) — Japan will tell South Korea it is prepared to help create "favorable circumstances" for a dialogue between the two Koreas, Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito said here Saturday. Ito will start a two-day visit to Seoul on March 2 for the inauguration of South Korean President Chun Doo-hwan, who assumed power last August and was last week voted into office by an electoral college following a national poll.

The dialogue would be between President Chun, with whom Ito will have talks, and North Korean President Kim Il Sung.

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